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Play area closure fears as others set for a makeover

By Samantha McGregor

EIGHT more play areas across Bicester are set to get a facelift if councillors give the green light to new proposals.

Bicester Town Council has identified three parks which will have equipment overhauled and painted, and five that will be painted.

As part of a town-wide review of play areas, 11 other 'underused' play parks have been 'identified for possible closure'.

These are Banbury Road, Foxglove Close, Gentian Close, Restharrow Mead, Coltfoot Leys, Burdock Close, Woodruff Close, Germander Way, Mullen Road, Sanderling Court and Grebe Road.

The three play areas set to get an overhaul are in Launton Meadows, Villiers Road and Kestrel Way.

The five play parks set to be spruced up and painted are Bryony Road, George Street, Meredith Close, Kings Meadow and Merganser Drive.

Council officers are working to design and cost the project and details are set to go before the council's environment committee next month.

Cllr Sean Gaul, chairman of the environment committee, said there would be a public consultation before a final decision was made to close any of the play parks.

He said: "We have not agreed costs yet as work is being done by officers at Bicester Town Council to go through the tendering process and obtaining grants etc.

"I am hopeful costed proposals that detail designs and types of equipment that would be used, will be put to the next environment committee meeting to be held on October 9.

"Assuming this is the case, I would like to see ratification of these proposals at the next meeting of the town council, on November 13.

"After that, I expect the ambition would be to complete as much work as possible in the months of winter where we would expect to cause minimal disruption to play area users.

"It is important to me personally as like many others across the town, I'm a frequent user of our play areas, both as a young boy myself 20 years ago and now as a father.

"Our children deserve to enjoy their childhoods with the best choice of play areas and equipment.

Last year, £260,000 was spent upgrading Garth Park and play areas in Shakespeare Drive, Lucerne Avenue, in Bure Park and Holm Square, in Southwold.

Each park got new equipment, including a zip wire and new flooring. Play facilities were also repaired and given a lick of paint.

The work was mostly funded by Bicester Town Council.

Honouring war heroes

Battle of Britain heroes were remembered at a parade in Banbury on Sunday as Air Training Corps Cadets led the procession of military and civic dignitaries through the town to a memorial service.
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Tributes to journalist after crocodile attack

By George Welch

TRIBUTES have been paid to a "talented, energetic and dedicated" journalist, whose body was found the day after a suspected crocodile attack in Sri Lanka.

Police divers found Oxford University graduate Paul McClean, a Financial Times reporter, dead in the mud of a lagoon south of Arugam Bay, in the south east of the country on Friday.

A post-mortem examination revealed the 24-year-old, on holiday with friends, died from drowning after being bitten on his right leg.

It hasn't been confirmed whether the six 'animal teeth marks' found were from a crocodile, but it is believed the reptile attacked Mr McClean when he was washing his hands in a river.

The FT's managing editor James Lamont described him as "a talented, energetic and dedicated young journalist" who had "a great career ahead of him at the FT".

Paul McClean died while on holiday in Sri Lanka

At the time of his death he was a member of the fastFT team in London.

FT editor Lionel Barber described him as a "natural", adding: "He had charm, curiosity and an attention to detail – the essential ingredients for a top reporter. He was family. We will miss him sorely."

Mr McClean, who grew up in Thames Ditton, Surrey, graduated from Oxford with a first-class honours degree in French.

"A brilliant student", his old college Lady Margaret Hall, said on Friday, "remembered not only as a gifted linguist but as a friendly, approachable, energetic and inquisitive young man".

A keen squash player and football fan, Mr McClean described himself as a "long-suffering Evertonian" on his Twitter profile.

Margaritis Schinas, spokesman for European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker, said Mr McClean, who had also worked in Brussels for the FT, was "well known and well liked".

He added: "He was an extremely talented and dedicated young journalist. He had an exceptional eye for detail and never shied away from difficult stories. But above all, Paul was a gentleman and an absolute pleasure to work with."

Mr Lamont added: "Our thoughts are with his family, friends and loved ones. We are in touch with them, doing all we can to help during this difficult time."

'Unsatisfactory' system added to airmen's deaths

AN 'unsatisfactory' management system at a landing site contributed to a helicopter crash that killed a Wallingford airman.

Flt Lt Alan Scott, 33, *pictured*, died when his Puma helicopter hit an observation balloon cable in Afghanistan in 2015.

Fellow Flt Lt, Welsh-born Geraint Roberts, 44, also died, along with a French contractor and two US military personnel.

Four others were injured in the accident, which happened in October 2015 at Nato's headquarters in Kabul.

The helicopter struck the cable of the balloon after attempting to land on a football pitch.

Oxfordshire Coroner Darren Salter said their deaths were accidental.

According to the BBC, in his narrative verdict, Mr Salter said: "The deaths were caused accidentally but were contributed to by the fact the [balloon] was sited in close proximity to the [landing site]. There was an unsatisfactory system of management at the [landing site] with regard to radio communications and clearance of the [landing site]. [This resulted] in the need to go around or overshoot which increased the risk of a tether strike given its proximity."

Flt Lt Scott and Flt Lt Roberts, both of RAF Benson, were described as 'capable and dedicated' officers earlier in the three-day inquest last week.

Live in Oxford? You should feel very satisfied with yourself

OXFORD has been dubbed the most satisfied city in the UK, according to a survey.

The analysis of 3,000 people across the country ranked the city as having the highest level of general life satisfaction.

Close behind in the survey, conducted by nutrition business 9NINE, were Bristol and Brighton and Hove.

Oxford also ranked as the fifth happiest UK city – the city of dreaming spires trailed Brighton and Hove, Leicester, Portsmouth and Newcastle.

At the other end of the scale, just 16 per cent of Edinburgh residents described their lives as 'happy', instead favouring the words 'anxious' and 'depressed'.

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A reassuring presence

Armed police officers in Cornmarket Street, Oxford on Saturday. Picture: *TVP / @ThamesVP*

THAMES Valley Police has told people not to be alarmed after a raised terror threat level led to an increased armed police presence on the streets of Oxford.

The country-wide threat was upgraded from severe to critical over the weekend, meaning an attack was expected imminently, after the explosion at Parsons Green Tube station in London on Friday.

However, the threat was reduced back to severe on Sunday afternoon, meaning an attack is now highly likely, as police made progress with their investigations and questioned the tube bombing suspects.

More armed and unarmed officers have been seen across the Thames Valley area over the weekend and into this week.

TVP published this picture of Cornmarket Street in the centre of Oxford on social media on Saturday and said: "Please don't be alarmed if you see additional officers patrolling. Our officers are happy to have a chat when possible. Come and say hi."

The force hasn't commented on the number of additional officers and their locations.

Five men have been arrested and are being questioned by police following the tube bombing.

Battle of Britain heroes honoured

By Samantha McGregor

BANBURY residents turned out in force on Sunday to honour the country's Battle of Britain heroes.

Led by the band of Banbury Air Training Corps Cadets, a military and civic parade marched from Broad Street, up High Street, around Banbury Cross into Horsefair and then to St Mary's Church for a memorial service.

Among the 250 men, women and children who joined the parade were Royal Navy and Army Cadets, deputy town mayor Shaida Hussain and high steward Sir Tony Baldry, Cherwell District Council chairman Cllr Maurice Billington, High Sherriff of Oxfordshire Jane Cranston and Oxfordshire County Council chairwoman Cllr Zoe Patrick.

After the service the parade marched back down High Street for the salute opposite the bandstand.

Hundreds of people lined the route to watch the processions.

The Battle of Britain was fought in the skies above southern England in the summer and autumn of 1940 and the RAF's defeat of the Luftwaffe was a major factor in preventing Hitler from invading England.

Banbury is one of the few towns to organise an annual tribute to 'the few' and the event is run by the town council.

Leader of the council Kieron Mallon said: "We must never forget the airmen of the Royal Air Force who fought the Battle of Britain.

"Winston Churchill said at the time – 'never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few' – and in Banbury we will continue to honour their memory."

Banbury played a crucial role in the battle. The town's former aluminium factory, known as 'the ally,' was the only place in England that produced metal for the manufacture of aircraft for the RAF, including Spitfires and Lancaster Bombers.

To protect the plant from air raids, the real factory was camouflaged to look like open fields and a fake factory was built three miles north of Banbury to mislead German bombers.

The fake factory was known as the 'dummy ally'.

Hotel and Costa planned 'to boost jobs and tourism'

A NEW Travelodge and drive-thru Costa Coffee could be coming to Witney.

The four-storey 72-room hotel would be built at the roundabout where Ducklington Lane meets the A40 south of the town.

If approved by West Oxfordshire District Council, the development could be complete by late 2018, creating dozens of jobs in the area.

District councillor Duncan Enright welcomed job creation in the town but queried whether Witney would be accessible to the town's visitors.

He said: "There is often a shortage of local hotel rooms and with the jobs it brings it could be a benefit.

"But it needs very good bike and footpath links to town so guests can enjoy Witney's hospitality.

"Also there are answers needed on traffic and design if it is to fit in. The aim is for every new development to enhance our area."

Developers The Hinton Group said the location is surrounded by highways and would provide benefits to the town through job creation, and boosting the local economy and tourism.

They added that the site is in a sustainable location, with bus stops immediately outside providing regular services to Witney, Abingdon and Carterton.

They said it is also well served by footpaths and the local cycle path network, which provide good links to the town centre.

James Hinton, managing director of developers The Hinton Group, said: "The Hinton Group and Travelodge have a history of creating high quality schemes. We hope to continue our successful partnership in Witney, by meeting the demand for budget hotel accommodation in the area."

For more on the application, number 17/02845/FUL, go to westoxon.gov.uk.

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Top tech tips

TECHPIXIES, a social enterprise scheme that helps mums and other women back to work by up-skilling them with tech, is running free taster sessions in north Oxfordshire.

The sessions will take place on October 11, at Bloxham Mill Business Centre near Banbury from midday to 2pm, and on November 17, at the same time at Stack and Jones Accountants in Stratton Audley near Bicester.

To book enter code TPNEWS via website techpixies.com.

Join Santa run

BANBURY'S annual Santa Dash will take place on Sunday, November 26, at 2pm, at People's Park.

Runners get a free Santa Suit and the event will raise cash for Katharine House Hospice.

At 4pm there will be a Santa procession into the town centre to join the town's Christmas Lights switch-on event. For more information go to khh.org.uk

Van break-ins

POLICE are urging west Oxfordshire van drivers to be alert following a spate of break-ins.

Vans have had locks and windows smashed and it is believed offenders are after tools.

Contact police on 101 if you have any information about break-ins in the area or want to request a 'no tools kept in this vehicle' sticker.

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Blenheim's £12m project to save 'finest view in England'

Picture: *Blenheim Palace*

By George Welch

BLENHEIM Palace is to dig deep after launching a multi-million pound rescue bid to save the "finest view in England".

The west Oxfordshire stately home needs to dredge silt from its two lakes because they've become so shallow they're at risk of drying out – which could then cause the iconic Grand Bridge to collapse.

The plan will involve a team of diggers dredging 400,000 tonnes of silt from Queen's Pool and the centrepiece Blenheim Lake in what is expected to cost the estate around £12million.

Lord Randolph Churchill, father of Sir Winston, reportedly said the sight of the lakes was the "finest view in England" as he passed through the Woodstock Gate in 1874.

The work will start next year following initial investigations this year and will take 20 weeks to complete.

Head of estates Roy Cox said: "There is an absolute certainty that, if we do not do something radical soon, the view will be lost forever.

"We have to act now to safeguard this iconic landscape for future generations to discover and enjoy."

As well as restoring the lakes to their original 18th century condition, the works will reveal areas of the Grand Bridge, also known as the Vanbrugh Bridge, which have been underwater for more than 100 years.

The lakes are less than 11in (30cm) deep in 70 per cent of their upper areas and will be returned to their original depth of about 6ft 5in (2m).

Mr Cox added: "This will be one of the largest civil engineering projects ever undertaken at a stately home and will need to be completed within a relatively short timeframe to prevent permanent damage both to the lakes and the bridge.

"We will be removing enough silt to entirely fill Wembley Stadium and the logistics of the rescue plan are incredibly complex."

The problem of the silted river was highlighted by a report last year that warned urgent action was needed.

Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Woodstock, was built between 1705 and 1722 as a gift to John Churchill, the 1st Duke of Marlborough, to celebrate his victory over the French in the War of the Spanish Succession.

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Business tips guide

A COUNCIL has created a guide with a variety of advice to help businesses in Cherwell.

Called Connect, Innovate & Grow the guide was produced by Cherwell District Council's economic team and is available as a hard copy or in electronic format.

For more information about Cherwell District Council's business support services email economy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or call 01295 221866.

Nursery proposal

A CONSULTATION has opened over plans for a nursery at Hardwick Primary School.

The proposal will enable the school to continue to provide early years and childcare provision which was previously run separately by the children's centre.

The nursery would offer 16 part-time equivalent places for three and four-year-olds, and eight part-time equivalent places for two-year-olds.

Go to oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Junction closure

ROAD works will close the Burford Road junction with Deer Park Road in Witney from October 2 for around four weeks as the county council upgrades the traffic lights.

Pedestrian access will be kept and, for certain parts of the work, temporary signals will be used.

Troops help for hurricane-hit isles

CARIBBEAN Islands shattered by devastating hurricanes have been given a helping hand by RAF Brize Norton.

The west Oxfordshire base continues to supply humanitarian and disaster relief to those in need in the wake of hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Aircraft departed the base on Tuesday delivering vital supplies and materials into Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport, which serves the British Virgin Islands.

More than 1,300 UK troops have been deployed to the British overseas territories of Anguilla, Turks and Caicos and the British Virgin Islands for relief efforts following the destructive hurricanes.

Troops hand out supplies in the British Virgin Islands

The first military plane to join the relief effort took off from RAF Brize Norton earlier this month.

One person in Guadeloupe is known to have been killed by hurricane Maria.

New sports centre offers varied activities

BICESTER'S £4million sports facility is set to open this month giving residents a flavour of what will be on offer.

On Saturday, September 30, from 11am, residents can have a go at football, cricket, rugby, cycling and Nordic walking at Whitelands Farm Sports Ground official opening.

The new facility, which occupies a site of more than 17 hectares, includes grass space for three football pitches, two rugby pitches, a cricket pitch, and an artificial 3G sports pitch.

It also has outdoor gym equipment and a cycling circuit, while the pavilion has changing rooms, a café and a 150-capacity function room which will be available to hire.

The sports facility has been built by Cherwell District Council and part funded by Kingsmere's developer Countryside Properties.

Cllr George Reynolds, Cherwell's deputy leader, said it was an "excellent addition" to Bicester's sports facilities.

He said: "We are working to offer more pitches in the area to help meet the demand from local clubs.

"Also, we hope that this new sports complex will further encourage people of all ages to take part in physical activity and get more active."

The site will be run by Parkwood Leisure Trust with funding from Bicester Town Council.

Liyen Mathew, at Parkwood Leisure Trust and at their delivery partner Legacy Leisure, said: "We are working closely with the council to ensure that the facility is attractive, has a varied programme relevant to the people of Bicester and its clubs and is financially sustainable in the long term."

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In the pink and the mud at obstacle fun

HUNDREDS of women threw themselves into getting as dirty as possible with the aim of raising thousands of pounds for charity.

The women-only Pretty Muddy 5k obstacle event was held in South Park on Saturday with competitors diving into mud on inflatable slides, tackling climbing frames, hurdles and nets.

Held for the second time in the Headington Park, many of those taking part did so in memory of family and friends they have lost hoping to raise around £100,000 for Cancer Research UK.

Among those taking part was Lisa Higgott, 45, from Chinnor, who lost her dad to cancer last year just four weeks after he was diagnosed.

She was taking part for the second time and had previously said she realised it was something she could do for him.

She said: "I could hear my dad's voice in my head during training sessions which really spurred me on. I couldn't save my dad but felt that perhaps I could make a difference by taking part and raising vital funds for research at the same time."

Lisa, who took part in a group of 20 others, added that while it had been emotional, they'd had a lot of laughs along the way.

Protected bats delay essential bridge repairs

THE timing of 'essential' bridge repair work on one of the main routes into south Oxford has been dictated by water-loving bats.

Renovation work on Folly Bridge, which carries Abingdon Road over the River Thames, began yesterday following the removal of roosting Daubenton's bats, a species that chooses to live near water.

The stone bridge requires some TLC after years of damaging water penetration and frost made repairs 'essential', according to the county council.

But as vital as the restoration is, work only began this week because the bats, which are protected under wildlife conservation regulations, can only be removed from the structure at specific times of the year.

County councillor Yvonne Constance, cabinet member for environment, said: "Repairing Folly Bridge is a tough job because the times our engineers can work are so limited due to the bats, and because it is a listed structure adds another layer of complexity.

Work is being carried out on Folly Bridge now the bats have been moved

"Add to that the fact that we will be allowing traffic to continue to use this major route, which can take up to approximately 15,000 vehicles per day, into Oxford and you get some idea of the difficulty."

Although work will be disruptive, the road will remain open but narrowed to a single lane with traffic lights, which will be in place 24 hours a day.

Work will be finished by October 20 for the opening of the Westgate Centre on October 24.

Abingdon Road will be resurfaced up to the junction with Thames Street as part of the repair work.

The bats, which have been temporarily rehomed at a nearby roost, will have roosts built back into the repaired stonework within the bridge arch.

New centre needed to share the Muslim faith

By Samantha McGregor

A MUSLIM group has launched an appeal to find a new home.

Bicester Muslim Society has outgrown its current base at the rugby club in Oxford Road and is now looking for a permanent base for Friday prayers and for celebrations such as Eid.

It started with just two members and in four years it has grown to more than 200 people.

Secretary Saeed Ahmad, known as Sid, said: "There is a growing Muslim community in Bicester. When I came to the town in 1978 I was the only Muslim here.

"Every Friday we have prayer, but we haven't got a proper place. We have been at the rugby club four-and-a-half years, but the problem is space.

"We are asking for help."

The nearest mosques are either in Oxford or Banbury, but if people want to attend they have to take time off work as it's too far to travel in a lunch break.

One idea being floated by Bicester Muslim Society is to buy or build a new facility that could be shared by other community groups.

It has £27,500 to kick start a fund raising, but it would need tens of thousands to make the community facility a reality.

Saeed Ahmad and Shakur Ali are looking for a new base for the society

Mr Ahmad and society president Shakur Ali, who runs Jaflong restaurant in Market Square, have lobbied north Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis and plan to press local councillors.

Mr Ahmad said: "One idea is to find a place we could buy.

"It could be a place we can buy as a community centre for Asian and other groups, everyone is welcome.

"If we get somewhere we can target it for help – ask for help from other Muslim societies from other towns.

"Rather than being a hidden society, we want to tell people what the Muslim faith is about."

Mr Ali said: "Before I die my heart says I want to build something in Bicester."

A statement from Cherwell District Council said: "The council is committed to securing new community facilities as developments go up around Bicester.

"One such centre is currently being built in Kingsmere, and others are proposed for north-west Bicester and Graven Hill."

Anyone who can help should contact Mr Ahmad on 07803 741405 or drop into Jaflong.

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Paedophile to serve three more years

AN Abingdon man who used fake online profiles to manipulate children into doing 'unspeakable acts' has had his sentence increased by three years.

Alex Orr, 27, pleaded guilty to 16 offences against children including extreme pornography and arranging the commission of a child sex offence.

His sentence was increased to a total of nine years' imprisonment with a four-year extended license.

The predatory paedophile initially received a six-year prison term and a four-year extended license when he was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court in January.

Orr created a fake Facebook profile and tricked young teenagers into performing sexual acts for him to view online.

He also incited his victims to engage in sexual activity with other children, including one who was just one or two years old.

The Court of Appeal extended the sentence following a referral under the Unduly Lenient Sentence scheme.

Speaking after the hearing, the Attorney General Jeremy Wright QC said: "This offender deceived a large number of young victims and manipulated them into doing unspeakable acts, resulting in serious psychological harm.

"Just because these crimes were committed from behind a screen doesn't make them any less serious. I hope the increased sentence shows how seriously the courts take these matters."

Alex Orr has had his sentence increased for 'manipulating' his young victims

Glass Animals have Mercury hopes shattered

INDIE band Glass Animals missed out on becoming the first Oxfordshire-based artist to win the prestigious Mercury Prize.

Soul singer Sampha won the award for his album Process despite Glass Animals emerging as the favourite with some bookmakers on the day of the award last Thursday.

The group, who were nominated for their second album How To Be A Human Being, were 14/1 outsiders last Wednesday night but a flurry of bets caused the odds to be slashed to 3/1 by Thursday afternoon.

The band accounted for 45 per cent of all bets placed during the same period.

Had the four piece won the award, frontman Dave Bayley said: "I would take such good care of it, strap it to my chest like a child in a papoose and keep it safe…maybe dress it up in a little outfit."

The Hyundai Mercury Prize promotes the best of UK and Irish music and the artists who produce it.

This is done through the celebration of the 12 Albums of the Year, recognising artistic achievement across a range of contemporary music genres.

Glass Animals were up against stiff opposition, with other shortlisted acts including Ed Sheeran, Alt-J, The XX and Stormzy.

Fellow Oxfordshire-based acts Radiohead, Supergrass and Foals have been nominated for the Mercury Prize in the past – but the wait for a winner from the county goes on.

Honouring the heroes

HUNDREDS gathered in Wantage on Sunday for a poignant ceremony to mark the 77th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Wantage residents turned out in force to honour the country's heroes who fought in the 1940 battle.

A parade departed just before midday from The Beacon in Wantage and marched, to the sound of Wantage Silver Band, to St Peter and St Paul's Church where a wreath laying ceremony took place.

After a moving service in the church, the parade, comprising a Squadron from Brize Norton, RAF Reserves, cadets, and veterans, marched back through the town centre where the salute was taken by senior RAF officers, dignitaries and VIPs at King Alfred's Statue.

Mayor of Wantage, Cllr Steve Trinder said: "There was a great sense of occasion,enhanced by the wonderful Silver Band and Wantage can be rightfully proud of this commemorative event."

The event was organised by the Wantage and District Royal Air Force Association.

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County's care services are well above average

Well ahead of national figures and improving

By George Welch

A RECORD number of Oxfordshire care services have been rated as 'outstanding' by inspectors.

Fifteen care homes, supported living providers, doctors/GPs and independent healthcare organisations were awarded the highest grade in ratings published by the Care Quality Commission last week.

A total of five per cent of all providers in the county are now 'outstanding', which is better than the national average of three per cent.

Similarly, 89 per cent are rated as 'good' or 'outstanding' compared to 83 per cent nationally.

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for adult social care, Cllr Lawrie Stratford, said: "The trend is unmistakeable. Oxfordshire is well ahead of the national average and that position is improving month by month.

"Our congratulations go to the organisations recently rated outstanding.

"The CQC does not make this award lightly – as can be seen by the fact that only three per cent of organisations nationally have such a status."

Four of the 15 new top ratings were awarded over the last month.

The county council doesn't run care homes directly but does have a monitoring and safeguarding role to help care homes reach their potential.

Cllr Stratford said: "As a council our over-arching aim is to enable older and disabled people to live independently and care for those in greatest need, working in partnership with private and voluntary sector providers.

"These new statistics show that the county is being well served compared to other areas. We hope to see more improvement in coming months."

Full list of Oxfordshire's 'outstanding' ratings

Name	Town	Service type
Vale House	Oxford	Care home
Rush Court	Wallingford	Care home
Rosebank Care Home	Bampton	Care home
The Grange Care Centre	Faringdon	Care home
Godswell Park	Bloxham	Care home
Cleeve Lodge	Goring	Care home
George Spingall Homecare	Oxford	Homecare agency
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Dr K M Emerson & Partners	Sonning Common	Doctors/GP
Luther Street (Oxford Health)	Oxford	Doctors/GP
Sue Ryder – Nettlebed Hospice	Henley	Doctors/GP

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Bus stop robbery

AN elderly man was robbed in broad daylight in Oxford city centre.

He withdrew money from the Post Office cash point on St Aldates at about 8.50am on September 11.

The victim was sat at the bus stop in front of the Post Office, where two men approached him, pushed him on the shoulder and grabbed the cash from his hand.

Officers said the thieves fled away from the city centre down St Aldates.

Both were white, of medium build, 5ft 10ins tall and thought to be between 18- and 20-years-old. They were smartly dressed.

Contact police on 101 quoting reference 43170269397 if you have any information.

If callers wish to remain anonymous, they can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 11.

Dinner not din!

FOODIES in Oxfordshire are turning to takeaways to avoid restaurants' background noise, according to a national charity.

Action on Hearing Loss is urging the 112,500 county residents with hearing loss to take decibel readings at restaurants using a free app called Decibel 10 as part of its Speak Easy campaign.

The charity claims 43 per cent of potential diners across the UK have opted to get a takeaway instead of going out for a meal due to noise.

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Running to help their nephew

A COUPLE are running the Oxford Half Marathon next month for a cause very close to their hearts.

Christina and Ian Tuckwell from Oxford are busy training for the 13 mile run in a bid to raise £500 for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

The pair have chosen this charity in honour of their two-year-old nephew Reid who was diagnosed with the rare disease biliary atresia when he was just nine weeks old.

Christina, a teaching assistant and mum of two, said: "We're doing this for my wonderful sister and her amazing superhero family.

"Reid underwent major surgery but unfortunately this did not work and he will need a liver transplant in the future.

"My sister and her husband were told that Reid would find it difficult to crawl and to walk but he has proved to everyone what an amazingly strong little hero he truly is. Yes he has challenges ahead of him but he is a walking, talking, smiling beautiful little boy."

Christina and Ian Tuckwell are running for nephew Reid

The 31-year-old added: "CLDF have been there since Reid's diagnosis to help our family understand this awful disease and learn how to cope with it the best we can. Ian and I want to do anything we can to help which is why we decided on the Oxford Half Marathon."

Husband Ian, a 40-year-old RAF Sergeant, regularly runs for RAF Brize Norton but Christina admitted she is finding it a challenge.

She said: "I know this will be tough but my sister and her family have it tough every day."

To support the Tuckwells and the CLDF go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christina-and-ian

Chilean crime gang jailed for burglary spree in south and Wales

A CHILEAN gang who raided properties in Oxfordshire have been jailed for a total of 21 years.

The group of four went on a spree of burglaries across the county, Sussex, Croydon and south Wales.

Irancisco Javier Neira, 31, Julio Galdamez-Rodriguez, 20, and Luis Alberto Villarroel, 35, were all sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court on Friday. A 16-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, has also been charged with a series of domestic burglaries and will be sentenced on October 2.

The group raided 15 homes across the country and specifically targeted large, detached rural homes to snatch jewellery, money, passports and electrical items.

As part of the spree, they broke into a Wendlebury home on June 15 and another in Cotswold Road, Oxford, on May 22.

Detective Constable Simon Reed, who led the case for Gwent Police, said: "The defendants show no regard for their victims and intended to callously scare and steal from them.

"The sentencing shows our relentless efforts to bring justice upon those who commit such serious crimes and the continuous work involved to dismantle organised crime.

"This investigation has been painstaking and I hope the community will take comfort in these sentences."

Neira was jailed for six years, Galdamez-Rodriguez for nine years and Villarroel for a total of six years.

Trust admits guilt over teen's death

AN NHS trust has admitted guilt over the death of Connor Sparrowhawk who drowned in the bath while in its care.

Southern Health Trust pleaded guilty to breaching health and safety law at Banbury Magistrates' Court on Monday.

Issues at Southern Health, which is also the centre of a seperate legal probe, have rumbled on since Oxford 18-year-old Connor drowned in a bath at the trust's now closed Headington facility, Slade House in 2013.

The trust was prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive and will be sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on October 12.

A new chief executive has been appointed to start in November. Dr Nick Broughton is the current leader of Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and said his priority would be to "ensure the trust provides the best possible care" and that "patients are at the centre of all we do".

"To do this we will need to work together and build on some of the strong foundations that are already in place," he added.

A Care Quality Commission report in July said the trust was getting better at investigating incidents, but there was still much to do.

Trust chairwoman Lynne Hunt added: "Nick brings with him an incredibly positive approach which is centred around the patient and in improving the quality of our services."

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MP quizzes PM over Brexit

AN Oxfordshire MP has demanded answers from Prime Minister Theresa May about the impact of Brexit on the county's local economy.

Layla Moran, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, asked that the PM allow people in the area to 'have a say when we finally know the full facts'.

Speaking at the House of Commons, she said: "Oxford West and Abingdon has a vibrant local economy. But, reliant on the University, science and car industries, it is set to shrink if we leave the single market and customs union risking thousands of local jobs.

"Isn't it time the Prime Minister was frank with people about the dangers of leaving.

"And allowed them a say when we finally know the full facts."

In response to her question, the prime minister said: "I have to say to the honourable lady that her view of what is going to happen when we leave the European Union is not the right one and if she is telling her constituents that then she needs to think again.

"She needs to work with the government to ensure we get the deal as we leave the EU that gives us access to the single market, that enables us not just to have that access but to do trade deals around the world, and bring prosperity and jobs here to the UK."

Following the exchange, South Oxfordshire District Council leader John Cotton tweeted: "Disappointing to hear @LaylaMoran so far off track at #PMQs today. Oxfordshire will make a success of #Brexit and will grow because of it."

Help to Buy offer for self-build homes

PEOPLE interested in buying a home at self-build development Graven Hill can now access the government's Help to Buy scheme.

The scheme, which lends customers up to 20 per cent of the cost of their newly built home, was launched earlier this month at the opening of the Plot Shop in Pioneer Square, Bicester, by housing minister Alok Sharma.

Managing director Karen Curtin said: "Launching the Help to Buy scheme has been a landmark event for Graven Hill. The vision has always been to make this an inclusive community that meets the range of needs and budgets of those who want to make their home in this idyllic setting."

Three brigades offer improved public service

By Eva Astreinidou

THE next generation of fire engines have been unveiled in Oxfordshire after years of collaboration with neighbouring areas.

Three of the new vehicles, equipped with larger hose reels, more comfortable seating and easier-to-carry equipment, were on display during an event at Abingdon Airfield on Wednesday last week.

This comes after an 18-month project run between fire services in Oxfordshire, Royal Berkshire and Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes.

Fifteen new 15-tonne vehicles have been launched across the Thames Valley areas, with three of those designated for Oxfordshire.

There will be a total of 37 new fire engines across the Thames Valley area over the next four years.

Councillor Judith Heathcoat, deputy leader of Oxfordshire County Council and the cabinet member for Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "This project has built upon the collaboration that has been going on for a number of years between the three fire and rescue services.

"This is an excellent example of public sector collaboration which is not only an effective and efficient way of working, but a moral duty to help protect the communities we serve. It further embeds shared working practices and allows us to better align our response to ensure our communities receive an effective response no matter which side of the county border they live on."

The three services joined forces as a shared Thames Valley fire control service in 2015.

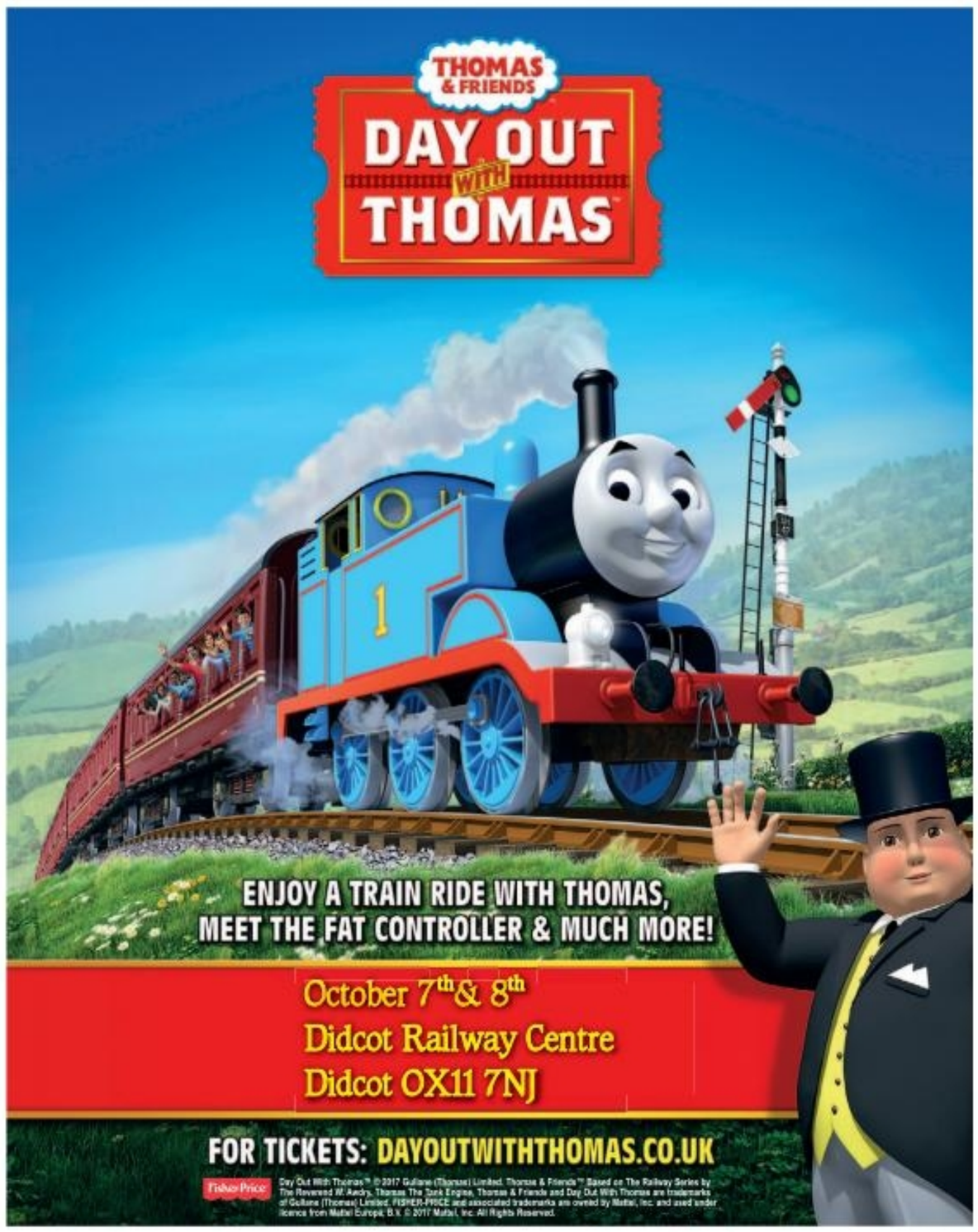
The collaborative project between the three authorities has led to estimated savings of around £270,000 by 'buying in bulk'.

Councillor Angus Ross, Royal Berkshire fire authority's lead member for strategic assets, said: "We are delighted to unveil a series of modern, fit-for-purpose fire engines with all the associated equipment that allows us to deliver an improved service for all of our communities.

Thames Valley fire and rescue services collaborated on the next generation of fire engines and right, a training exercise using an old car

"The new fire engines have been equipped with larger hose reels to enable higher rates of water delivery and they carry more battery powered equipment, to increase our speed of deployment at an incident and reduce the total weight of the vehicle."

One of the key design principles was to make the appliances as universal as possible so that crews across the three services could operate each other's fire engines seamlessly.



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Smart talk over future growth

By Eva Astreinidou

DIDCOT played a key role in a science and technology talk about 'future-proofing' urban and rural areas as a fast growing economy outside of London.

SMART technology and transport solutions were discussed at the TransforMOTION conference earlier this month.

South Oxfordshire District Council leader John Cotton led a talk on 'Didcot: smarter and beyond' to discuss how the Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town can create new mobility solutions as thousands of new jobs and homes are planned in the region.

According to Science Vale UK, the region is becoming one of the fastest growing economies outside of London, with the area's business parks looking to add 20,000 new jobs in the next 15 years.

This means that a key challenge is dealing with the influx and improving mobility to better connect rural areas with the growing region.

Cllr Cotton said: "Along with our science partners, we have been working in partnership with Bosch to help identify future innovations that connect Science Vale UK region and Didcot Garden Town."

Technology and transport were discussed at the conference

The talk at Somerset House in London was a result of collaborations between the regions and Bosch, who have launched transport solutions such as light electric eBikes and automated driving vehicles.

President of Bosch UK Steffen Hoffmann said: "More and more people are moving to cities for work and a better quality of life.

"Bosch is proud to join forces with South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils, helping them to make Didcot Garden Town a vibrant and sustainable place for people to live. To become a [...] smart city that not only improves quality of life, but also the economic efficiency of cities themselves."

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Build it yourself

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Career help at fair

BANBURY Employment and Careers Fair will take place on Thursday, September 28, from 5pm to 8pm at New Futures Centre, Hilton Road, Woodgreen, Banbury.

Businesses including Waitrose and Marks & Spencer are to attend alongside The Apprenticeship and Training Company, Activate Learning and Jobcentre Plus.

The fair, run by Cherwell District Council's economic growth service, is free and open to people of all ages, backgrounds and experience.

Teeing up golf day

GOLFERS are encouraged to save the date for the Mayor of Thame's Charity Golf Day on Friday, April 20, at Studley Wood Golf Club.

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Health workers honoured at awards to celebrate research

By George Welch

MORE than a dozen Oxfordshire-based health professionals who help run research trials in the NHS will be honoured at an awards ceremony in Oxford next week.

Doctors, nurses and researchers are among those set to be recognised for their contribution to research at a glitzy ceremony hosted at St Hilda's College on Tuesday.

A total of 29 awards will be handed out to NHS staff from Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes at the Thames Valley Health Research Awards.

Staff were nominated by colleagues and winners were chosen by a judging panel from the local Clinical Research Network (CRN), a body that helps get trials under way.

One of the winners excited to collect her award is Nicky McRobert, a senior diabetes research nurse based at Oxford's Churchill Hospital.

Mrs McRobert, one of three winners of the Inspirational Team Leader award, was nominated by research delivery manager Christopher Hille, who described her as an 'outstanding research advocate' that 'goes the extra mile' in her work.

From left, Nicky McRobert, far right, with her team Jamie Burbage, Viv Thornton-Jones, Ursula Taylor, Hardeep Kaur Panch and Karyna Gibbons and right, research nurse Musa Kamfose
Pictures: *Oxford Medical Illustration*

He added: "She leads by example, always works hard and approaches all obstacles in a calm and thoughtful way.

"No matter how difficult a situation Nicky may be faced with, she can always be relied on to give her best until an objective is achieved.

"Nicky inspires and motivates her team with her own enthusiasm and dedication."

The local CRN supported more than 500 studies in Oxfordshire in 2016/17.

A research nurse at the John Radcliffe Hospital is one of four to be awarded the Star Research Nurse gong.

Musa Kamfose, who co-ordinates and runs research in the infection control team, said: "I feel research is part of a professional responsibility to contribute to clinical practice.

"It is one way of transforming the services that we provide in the NHS and if one can be part of promoting or assisting high quality research to benefit the public, then it's worth putting your whole effort in it."

He was nominated by consultant Matthew Scarborough who praised Mr Kamfose as an 'essential member' of a new research team.

Greater pressure on police officers

THAMES Valley Police officers are experiencing higher stress levels and seeing a 'deterioration' of their home life.

A survey published last week by Thames Valley Police Federation has found that 76 per cent of officers are facing work/life imbalance and higher workload.

The report attributes the result to a new operating model introduced in June.

The results also show 65 per cent of police officers in the area are experiencing higher levels of stress.

This comes the same week that a pay rise for police officers was announced countrywide, after the one per cent public pay cap was lifted.

In response to the new measures, Anthony Stansfeld, police and crime commissioner for the Thames Valley, said this is a well-deserved pay rise.

But he added: "While I am delighted [..] I am [also] concerned that unless there is a commensurate rise in police funding to pay for this, then it will be another cut to policing at a time when police forces nationally are under increased pressure."

TVP Chief Constable Francis Habgood said the change puts 'financial pressure on already stretched budgets'.

He said: "Without better real terms funding protection from Government, an award above one per cent will inevitably impact on our ability to deliver policing services and maintain staffing levels."

Ruscote councillor Mark Cherry would like to see a zebra crossing on the B4100

Zebra plan for busy crossing

A CONSULTATION has been launched over proposals to put a new zebra crossing on a busy Banbury road.

Funding has been awarded by the government's National Productivity Investment Fund for a crossing in B4100 Warwick Road, between North Oxford Academy/ The Barley Mow and the mini roundabout at Cromwell Road.

Cllr Mark Cherry, Labour county councillor for Ruscote, said: "The Warwick Road, between these two points, has become very busy and up until now there has been no safe way to cross.

"Many Drayton Academy school children use Warwick Road and also the cut-through from Sinclair Avenue, and residents I have spoken to have voiced their concerns about increased traffic and safety issues.

"Our bid to the government's National Productivity Investment Fund has been successful and, subject to local consultation, it will be given the go-ahead in November 2017 and must be completed by March 2018."

He urged residents to make their views known to Oxfordshire County Council before October 13 when the consultation closes.

Go to oxfordshire.gov.uk, call Christian Mauz on 07392 318873 or email Christian.mauz@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Test your detective skills and solve the crime on farm

BUDDING Sherlocks are invited to try out their detecting skills for a fun forensic challenge.

CSI Cogges at Cogges Manor Farm in Witney will offer amateur sleuths the chance to solve how a farm hand died using a variety of modern day forensic techniques.

Detectives will be given evidence collection kits, a list of suspects and information on the body.

There are prizes for all who solve the mystery at the event run in partnership with Science Oxford. Tickets for CSI Cogges tomorrow (Friday) are £13, £10 concessions. Doors open at 7pm.

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Communities get big funding boost

OXFORDSHIRE was a big winner in the National Lottery community funding programme announced last week.

Projects across Oxford were given more than £29,400, with £10,000 going to Oxford City Farm for its project in which volunteers will run workshops on food growing.

Three campaigns across south Oxfordshire were awarded over £22,400. The highest bid, of £9,861, went to St Birinus Church, Dorchester for its flushed with success project, which will help refurbish community rooms and toilet facilities.

Across the Vale of the White Horse district, three projects were awarded more than £28,100.

The Hendreds Preschool won £10,000 for a project to redevelop its garden to create a stimulating environment to encourage physical and social skills.

Cherwell-based Dr South's playground project was granted £10,000 to redevelop a disused piece of land to create a playground.

School scoops award for work in community

A SCHOOL for children with special education needs has been recognised for its work in the community.

Wantage-based Fitzwaryn School won school of the year at the Against Breast Cancer Achievement Awards in Reading earlier this month.

The awards recognise individuals and groups who provide vital services or support to others, either at home, in the community or in the workplace.

Staff from the school attended the ceremony and headmistress Stephanie Coneboy collected the award.

The school, which has been rated outstanding in three Ofsted reports, puts its success down to the 'dedicated staff, fantastic pupils and amazing facilities'.

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Hospital school overjoyed at its improved grade

By George Welch

A SPECIAL hospital school that provides education for children admitted to hospital is celebrating after improving its Ofsted rating from inadequate to outstanding in nine months.

Oxfordshire Hospital School, deemed inadequate by the watchdog in an inspection in October last year, received top marks last week following a review in July.

This means the Harlow Centre-based school in Oxford has improved by two grades within a year.

The re-inspection judged the school to be outstanding in all areas and the report, released on Friday, praised the high quality of teaching and wide-ranging opportunities available to pupils.

This marks a significant improvement from the previous report, which criticised the school for failures in record-management and information-sharing practices at its outreach centre as well as poor leadership.

The school defended itself following the verdict as headteacher Angela Ransby only arrived at the school four weeks before last year's inspection.

She described the latest 'liberating' report as "a source of great delight and satisfaction", adding: "We are a better organisation now than we were nine months ago, and that comes down to every member of the team pulling out all the stops.

Headteacher Angela Ransby

"Everyone, including teachers, teaching assistants, managers and support staff, has shown immense bravery and openness in accepting new ways of working while all the time remaining completely dedicated to the needs of our pupils.

"Throughout this period of considerable change and under significant pressure, the spirit and integrity of the OHS has proved unshakable.

"Our core strength lies in our determination to do the best job we can for every single pupil in our school. We have no agenda other than providing the best teaching to children in Oxfordshire."

The Ofsted report can be viewed at tinyurl.com/y7t63ukg

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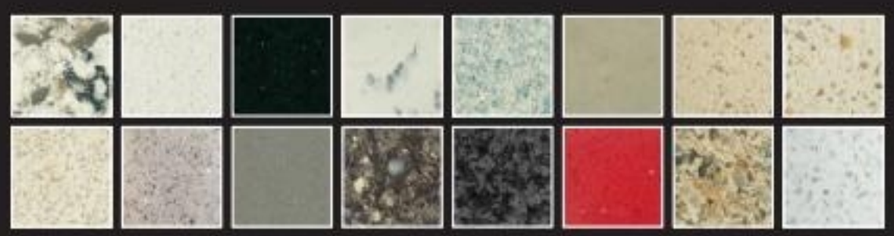

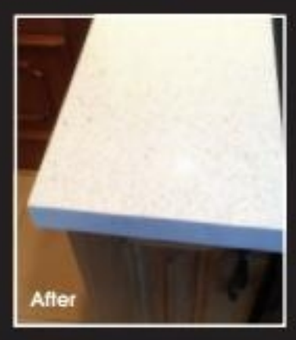

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Gifts of hope at Christmas

Play2Give launches Sleigh2Give

By George Welch

IT may only be September but our charity of the year is preparing to launch its Christmas giving campaign.

Play2Give spin off Sleigh2Give will be sprinkling festive smiles across the faces of sick children through the thousands of gifts donated.

More than 3,000 presents were handed out to youngsters last year at the end of the three-month appeal and P2G founder Andy Baker, from Didcot, is hoping for even more this time.

He said: "Last year it was so uplifting to visit the children's wards and meet so many incredibly brave and poorly babies and children who were too unwell to leave hospital. It was just magical and a really special feeling to have spread some Christmas cheer to all those through giving gifts."

Having suffered a brain injury as a baby and subsequently spending much time in hospital after operations, Andy can empathise with those in hospital over Christmas.

He added: "I will never forget a baby who was just a few days old, and was fighting for life, but giving a soft toy really did give the parents a little comfort.

"Last year's campaign was the most presents the Children's Hospital had ever had, the play team had to bring down more crates to cater for the volume of gifts received."

The annual initiative is being supported for the second time by Didcot-based Go Green Taxis.

The company's Bradlee Moore said they were very proud to be supporting the campaign again.

He said: "We have seen first-hand what a difference this makes to the children at the Oxford Children's Hospital at Christmas. All of our drivers and staff really got behind the campaign last year, raising money and donating presents, and we expect this year's effort to be even bigger and better."

Andy Baker collecting gifts in Tesco during last year's campaign

Donation days will be held at Tesco in Didcot the last weekend in November and at the town's Sainbury's on December 8. Gifts will be delivered to the Children's Hospital on December 17.

To donate to Sleigh2Give go to www.gofundme.com/p2gs-sleigh2give-appeal-2017

Police seek attacker after man punched and kicked at bus station

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a 24-year-old man was punched and kicked at Banbury Bus Station.

The incident took place on Wednesday September 6, at about 4.30pm. Police said the victim was stood next to the 500 bus stop bay talking to the bus driver when a young boy, with a bicycle, aged around eight-years-old, approached him and started to speak to him.

Without warning a man, believed to be with the boy, approached the victim and started punching him before kicking him in the head.

The offender was then pulled away by another person, before all three left the bus station in the direction of the canal and Castle Quay shopping centre.

The attacker is a non-white male with dark hair, around 6ft tall, large build, aged between 35 and 40, was wearing a white top and spoke in a foreign language.

Anyone with information should call 101 quoting 43170265140 or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

InBrief

Look after trees

OXFORDSHIRE folk are being urged to get creative and stand up for their street trees by taking part in a new 'neighbourhood watch' scheme for nature.

The Woodland Trust has launched the scheme to encourage people to celebrate their local trees and help protect nature on their doorstep.

People can apply for one of 500 starter kits, which includes bunting and badges, at woodlandtrust.org.uk/streetrees.

Village history

HOMES and the people who live in them forms the basis for an exhibition in Bampton.

The village's history is examined through ghosts, social controversy and architecture in the exhibition by the Bampton Community Archive.

It runs until October 26 at The Vesey Room, Bampton Library Building in Church View.

Law firm's advice

LAWYERS at a leading Oxford firm have advised on a £7.5million investment into cell and gene therapy.

Royds Withy King have been working with Oxford Genetics on a deal that will help medical innovations and extend facilities in the UK.

The law firm is also supporting initiatives at Harwell.

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Real living wage in the spotlight

MORE than 40 supporters of a new group campaigning for a real living wage in Oxford have met to debate the problem.

Oxford City Council calculates the real living wage to be £9.26 per hour in the city but a new, higher figure is expected to be revealed in November.

Attendees discussed the struggle of living in Oxford on the minimum wage and the high costs of living in Oxford.

One of the campaign organisers, a mother-of-two who works in retail, said: "Once inflation is taken into account, I've seen my wage fall significantly in recent years.

"Both my partner and I work, but paying the bills, rent, and paying for food is increasingly difficult. We do what society asks of us, but we still really struggle. It shouldn't be that way. Work should pay enough to allow you to live, not just to exist."

Fellow organiser, Holywell ward Labour councillor Dan Iley-Williamson said working people have been getting poorer over the last 10 years.

He added: "Record numbers of people in poverty are in working households. Increasingly, work isn't paying. We think that's a gross injustice."

The campaign group will be holding more meetings and events in the coming weeks and a larger public event is planned for Living Wage Week from November 5 to 12 when the Living Wage Foundation is due to announce the new living wage rates.

From left, Kevin Williams (Manager, White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre), Paul Hackwood (Assistant Manager, White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre), Cllr Sandy Lovatt, Cllr Charlotte Dickson and Ben Whaymand (Partnership Manager GLL)

A centre of excellence

By Eva Astreinidou

A LEISURE centre in Abingdon is one of only 16 across the country to be graded as excellent.

The hard work of staff at The White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre in Audlett Drive, which is the only publicly-owned centre to be awarded the grade in Oxfordshire, has been praised.

In a joint scrutiny committee meeting of the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire district councils, local officials said the score is 'well-deserved'.

Scrutiny committee member Councillor Edward Blagrove asked the representatives from GLL, which owns the centre alongside the Vale, how they hope to maintain the 'excellent' status.

Ben Whaymand, a GLL partnership manager, said: "For us, it's adapt or die."

He added that the staff regularly survey customers and have new projects in the pipeline, including the installation of an astroturf pitch for one of their centres.

The centre in Abingdon, which hosts more than 800,000 visits a year, was recently graded by Quest, a facility assessment company.

The centre was checked against 13 categories over two days, including customer experience, maintenance, participation and environment.

Staff were interviewed and mystery shopper visits also took place.

Cllr Charlotte Dickson, cabinet member for leisure at the Vale, said: "This is a fantastic achievement. The team work very hard to ensure customers receive great service every time."

A £1.7 million gym extension was opened at the centre earlier this year.

InBrief

Mental health talk

A LECTURE next month will offer an insight into how the understanding of mental health has changed in the last 50 years.

Oxford Brookes will be hosting the lecture 'From madness to wellbeing' in collaboration with Oxfordshire Mind on October 30 in the Chakrabarti Room at the Headington site.

For more details, contact sarah.jordan@oxfordshiremind.org.uk.

Spelling it out

MORE than half of UK adults would judge someone based on their spelling, according to Oxford Open Learning Trust research.

The distance learning provider looked into the importance Brits place on spelling and accuracy and whether we feel embarrassed by mistakes.

Brits are most embarrassed by errors in formal situations, such as on a CV, rather than social media.

Award shortlist

LAW firm Blake Morgan has had its Oxford branch shortlisted for a national customer service award.

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The city-wide programme of activities across the University of Oxford's museums, libraries, gardens and woods will boast a wide range of activities for all ages and interests – live experiments, games, stalls, busking, debates, music, dance and a pub-style quiz.

There'll also be all sorts of activities spilling out onto the streets of Oxford - with bite-size talks, music, walking tours, live demonstrations and the Marvellous Mathemagicians.

Most events will be free but you'll still need a ticket to access the venues around central Oxford. For more information go to www.ox.ac.uk/curiosity-carnival

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Become a Curiosity Explorer, 7pm-10pm, across the city's museums
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The Museum of Natural History and the **Pitt Rivers Museum** invite you to get curious about people and planet. Of the hundreds of activities, here's a sample... - past and present, on the subject of all things contagious at the Contagion Cabaret; mix up a 'neurococktail' at a cocktail party with a difference; jump into the Blood Factory and find out where blood is born and what it does; discover how singing helps us make friends quicker; hear music that the ancient Greeks enjoyed; uncover how you can boost your brain.

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On stage

Dipping into folk

FOLK duo Dipper Malkin are heading to Oxford as part of a UK tour to promote their debut album.

With the release of Tricks of the Trade firmly under their respective belts, fans can catch the pair at Oxford Folk Club, at The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford, on Friday, October 6 at 8.30pm.

Dipper Malkin, described as a "potent combination" by Folk Radio UK, are two musicians who have spent their careers to date involved in groundbreaking projects.

John Dipper, who plays viola d'amore, was one third of The English Acoustic Collective alongside Chris Wood and Robert Harbron and currently works with string quartet Methera.

While Dave Malkin, guitar and vocals, was a founding member of trio Tandem, who combined traditionally informed compositions with live electronics.

The album provides a new lease of life for the viola d'amore, an unusual instrument from the baroque period with seven bowed and seven sympathetic strings.

John said: "I began investigating new ways to play more complex polyphonic accompaniments. I've developed a new tuning system for the instrument, which has allowed new compositions to flourish."

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Feast on this festival of literature

By Samantha McGregor

Austentatious will be performing Jane Austen as you've never seen before

FROM Charles II to Mona Lisa, a good dose of crime and true life tales - this year's Thame Arts and Literature Festival has something for most to enjoy.

Among those taking part at the seventh annual festival which takes place at various venues from October 11 to 15, are presenter Jeremy Vine and Charles, Earl Spencer.

Vine, known for Crimewatch and his Radio 2 programme will be talking about life, his job and new book What I Learnt at the Spread Eagle Hotel on October 11 from 7pm.

Charles, Earl Spencer is at the Players Theatre the following day talking about his book To Catch A King, the true story of the dramatic escape of the young Charles II after defeat at the Battle of Worcester.

While the team from blog Muddy Stilettos alongside five female authors will host the festival's first Literary Salon.

The women will share their writing, motivation and secrets on how to find a work/life balance.

October 13 brings Dr Robert Owen and the Veterans of Bomber Command, former doctor turned writer Rachel Crowther and a Jane Austen play as you've never seen it before – Austentatious, join the line-up.

The weekend is choc a block with events from former DJ Mike Read, Simon Brett discusses the art of crime writing, history professor Martin Kemp on The Mona Lisa, Chris Lloyd with the history of science, Hugh Thompson talks One Man and a Mule, and many more.

When the festival launched in 2010 it took place over one weekend at venues around the town now it takes 10-months to plan and attracts around 3,500 visitors.

Events take place across the town, at venues including the Town Hall, library, Christchurch, the Players Theatre, Spread Eagle Hotel and town museum.

For more information and to book tickets go to talfestival.org

On stage

Middle-aged woman comes to Oxford

COMEDIAN Jenny Eclair comes to Oxford on her extended sell-out tour How To Be A Middle Aged Woman (Without Going Insane).

The professional grumpy old woman and amateur soup maker appears at the Oxford Playhouse on October 7, with her hilarious introduction to middle age as she puts everything under the microscope – Madonna, wine, beards and gout.

Jenny has been a stand-up comedian for many years as well as being well-known for her writing.

She co-wrote the critically acclaimed Andy Warhol Syndrome, which was adapted for BBC Radio 4, and is also the author of two novels as well as numerous non-fiction books.

She has recently released a collection of short stories Listening in… - an offshoot of the radio 4 series Little Lifetimes - first person stories from middle aged women.

Jenny is also the first woman to win the coveted Perrier Award, the star of Grumpy Old Women, and a regular on ITV's Loose Women.

How To Be A Middle Aged Woman (Without Going Insane) tour has been extended after a complete sell-out tour.

Tickets for Jenny Eclair at Oxford Playhouse are £19.50 and are available from the box office on 01865 305305 or at oxfordplayhouse.com

The best of care at Banbury's newest care home

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If you care for an older loved one but you feel that they now need more care than you can provide, you may be thinking about a move into residential care. Thankfully, a brand new care home that's about to open its doors in Banbury will transform this emotional experience for the better.

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Out & About

Touching tale of family life

By Samantha McGregor

CRITICALLY acclaimed production Things I Know To Be True returns to the Oxford Playhouse this month.

Last autumn, the company moved audiences with this physically exquisite portrayal of family life.

And so popular was the play, they've decided to come back.

This is a touching story about family and marriage told through the eyes of four grown siblings, struggling to define themselves beyond their parents' love and expectations.

Bob and Fran have worked their fingers to the bone, and with their four children grown and ready to fly the nest, it might be time to relax and enjoy the roses.

But the changing seasons bring home some shattering truths.

Rosie, the youngest, has had her heart broken during a trip to Europe, and her older sister Pip is about to walk out on her husband.

Their two sons are struggling too, one has financial issues, while the other is struggling with his sexual identity.

This deeply affecting show, in collaboration with State Theatre Company of South Australia, features Frantic Assembly's celebrated physicality.

Original cast members Kirsty Oswald and Matthew Barker return to reprise their roles as Rosie and Mark respectively.

New cast members include John McArdle, best known as Billy Corkhill in Brookside and Ronnie Hale in Emmerdale, alongside Seline Hizli, currently starring in ITVs Grantchester, Cate Hamer whose stage and television credits includes Machinal at the National Theatre, and completing the line-up with Arthur Wilson whose stage work includes Man and Superman at the National Theatre.

This production is a complex and intense study of the mechanics of a family and is both poetic and brutally frank – a real season highlight.

The Frantic Assembly production takes to the stage from Wednesday to Saturday.

Tickets for Things I Know To Be True at Oxford Playhouse start at £11.50 and are available from the ticket office on 01865 305305 or from oxfordplayhouse.com

On stage

Seasonal sparklers

Russian State Ballet of Siberia will be bringing two seasonal offerings to Oxford's New Theatre in the new year.

The Snow Maiden, set in the snow-covered landscape of rural Russia, follows the Snow Maiden as she dances into the human world.

While The Nutcracker, the most famous of fantasy ballets, takes us to a fairy-tale world where toy dolls spring to life and the Mouse King and his army battle with the Nutcracker Prince.

The Snow Maiden is on January 8 and The Nutcracker on January 9 and 10.

For more information go to atgtickets.com/oxford

War Horse rides in

Joey and the War Horse team made a special appearance at the Ssangyong Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials on Saturday.

With the 10th anniversary tour of the National Theatre's acclaimed production of War Horse members of the cast paid an early visit to Oxfordshire ahead of the production at the New Theatre Oxford from December 13 through to January 6.

Joey joined Princess Anne's daughter Zara Tindall, one of the top riders entered into the trials, on Saturday as the highlight of the Attractions Arena programme.

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Now's the perfect time to replace your garden fence once and for all. Anna Ryder Richardson - Designer and Television Presenter - takes a closer look at Colourfence, the revolutionary low-maintenance system.

It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

The latest design processes mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from, constructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes, and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me, there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality, value, longevity, aesthetic design, this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for the 21st century that will transform the look of your garden which is supplied and fitted by a company whose customer service is as good as the product.

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Outside the Museum, attractions will include an impressive collection of British Military vehicles including the replica Mark IV Tank used in the movie 'War Horse', on loan from The Tank Museum. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1914 - 1918 Living History Group will be performing dynamic displays and period re-enactments, whilst in sharp contrast a modern day bomb disposal team will be demonstrating their Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Robot.

Inside the Museum, visitors can meet a British 'Tommy' in the trenches to learn about the conditions endured by soldiers on the front lines in WWI and drop into the Field Hospital to discover how injuries sustained in battle led to the discovery of new medical techniques and the foundations of plastic surgery! They can also explore 'B2737 - the Battle Bus', on loan from the London Transport Museum.

There will be plenty of activities to keep families entertained. Sign up for Soldier School or take on 'Kitchener's Mission' - a fun trail with exploits along the way including decoding secret messages, bandaging wounds in the Casualty Clearing Station, Zeppelin spotting and making a Princess Mary Christmas Gift Tin to take home.

Caroline Reid, Education Officer at the British Motor Museum stated, "We are thrilled to be making this British Military Weekend an annual event and adding even more attractions for this year. There is even the chance for visitors to make a full weekend of it and camp in the Museum grounds."

Normal Museum admission rates apply for the British Military Weekend. Adult tickets £14, Concessions £12 (including Service Personnel with valid ID card), Child £9 and Family Ticket £39. Children under 5 are free. Gift Aid annual passes are valid for this event. Camping is just £10 per person for one or two occupants when booked in advance, £15 per person on the day. For three or more people camping the price is £25 per pitch when booked in advance, £35 per pitch on the day.

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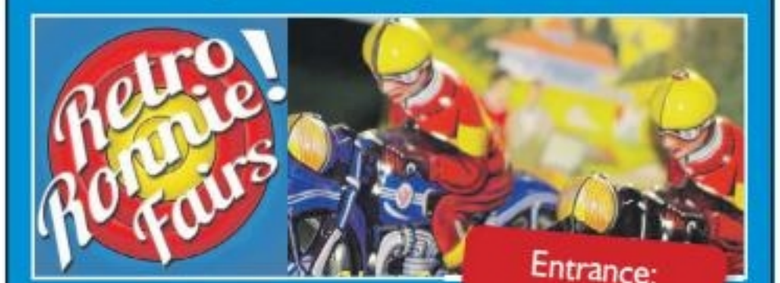

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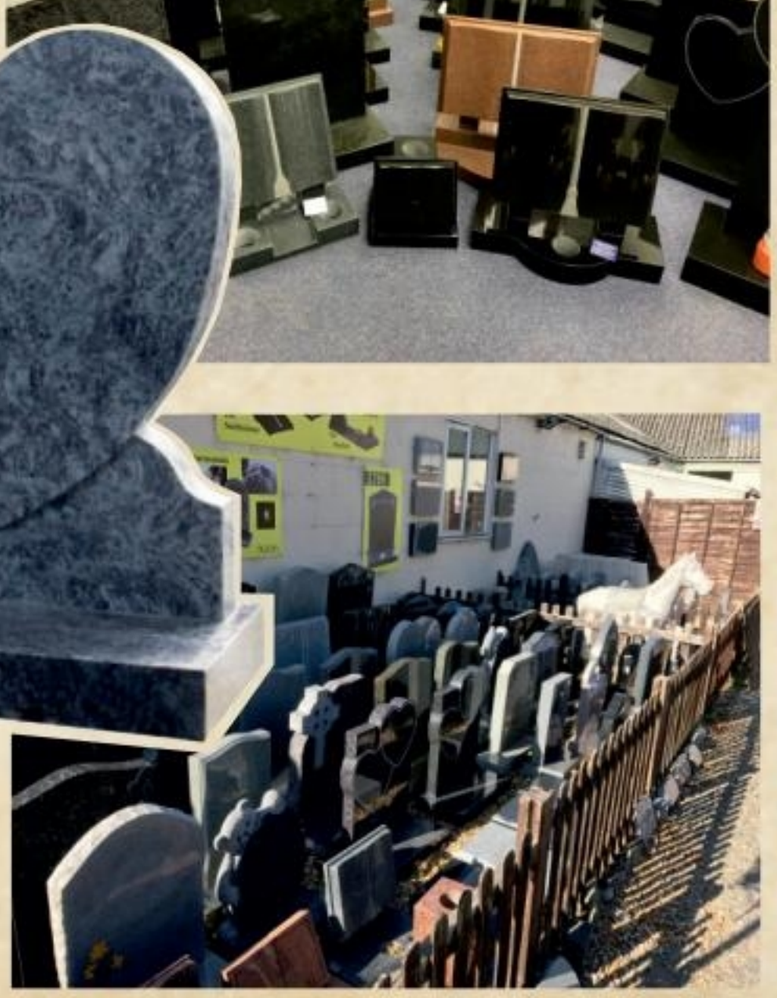

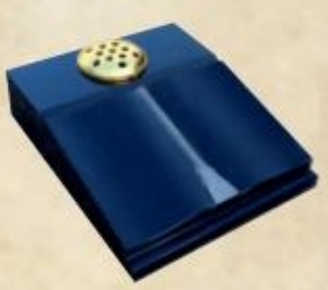

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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:
15 words, average; 25 words, good; 35 words, very good; 40 or more, excellent.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

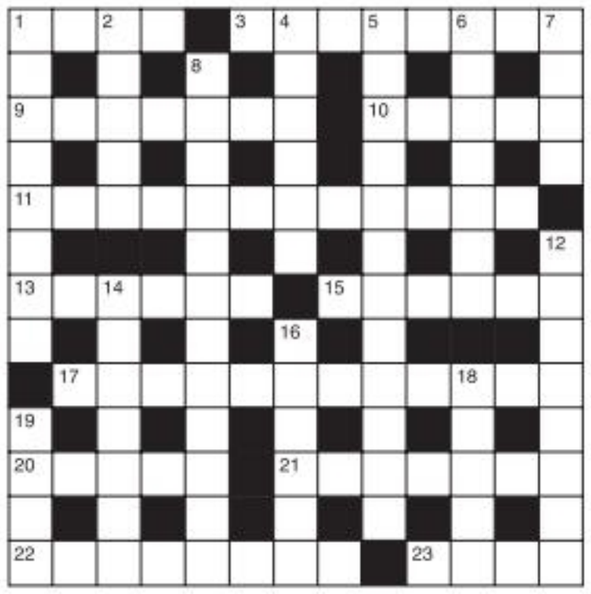
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Stick around a street (4)
3. He brings it in - I'm the one who carries it (8)
9. It's utter folly and wildly in a mess (7)
10. Raid or fight about nothing (5)
11. Panic at having to suffer execution? (4,4,4)
13. Adopt a new attitude in sleep (6)
15. Hole at the front (6)
17. Copy made of poor, crude tin (12)
20. Be way out about a point (5)
21. High-flown writings (3-4)
22. Eden is in the march past (8)
23. The French ship is smaller (4)

Down

1. Walkers still walking when they lose their heads! (8)
2. Range in the S.American desert (5)
4. Mad about a woman, completely crushed (6)
5. Confidentially, there's no track of it (3,3,6)
6. Land a trainer badly (7)
7. They light up fishes (4)
8. Kicked up a fuss, disturbing odd men at rest (12)
12. Type of beach hair styles? (8)
14. First cabinet-maker (7)
16. Various ladies show high principles (6)
18. I scold, being very cross (5)
19. It's bound to mean a change of plea (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

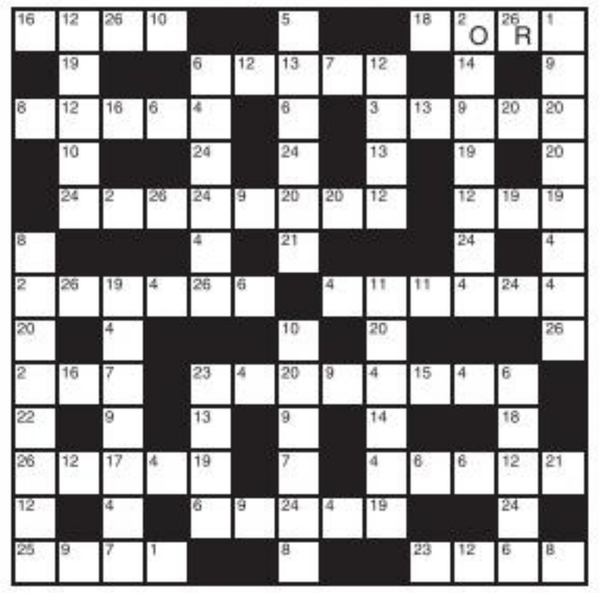
1. Way out (4)
3. Wallow (8)
9. Bill (7)
10. Untrue (5)
11. Regardless (12)
13. Foreign (6)
15. Unrefined (6)
17. By amount (12)
20. Mount (5)
21. Cultivation (7)
22. Valued (8)
23. Saucy (4)

Down

1. Tester (8)
2. Contract (5)
4. Epistle (6)
5. Bottomless (12)
6. Transfer (7)
7. Stagger (4)
8. Doubtful (12)
12. Deferential (8)
14. Eye-specialist (7)
16. Small (6)
18. Idol (5)
19. Dull pain (4)

CODEWORD

Codeword is the crossword puzzle with no clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Work out the words in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use skill and judgement to work out the others.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

DOUBLE CROSSWORD:
Cryptic: Across: 6 Take out; 7 Stout; 9 Drill; 10 Touring; 12 The best part; 14 Street cries; 18 Precede; 19 Spare; 21 Fleet; 22 Diaries. Down: 1 Padre; 2 Health; 3 Cur; 4 Stir up; 5 Gurnard; 8 Consort; 11 Ebb-tide; 13 Startle; 15 Etcher; 16 Expire; 17 Brief; 20 Rip.

Quick: Across: 6 Lighter; 7 Forum; 9 Topic; 10 Nursery; 12 Reduce speed; 14 Papier-mache; 18 Asinine; 19 Grief; 21 Booth; 22 Deserve. Down: 1 Pilot; 2 Choice; 3 Keg; 4 Gossip; 5 Quarter; 8 Funeral; 11 Current; 13 Passion; 15 Ignite; 16 Harmed; 17 Delve; 20 Gem.

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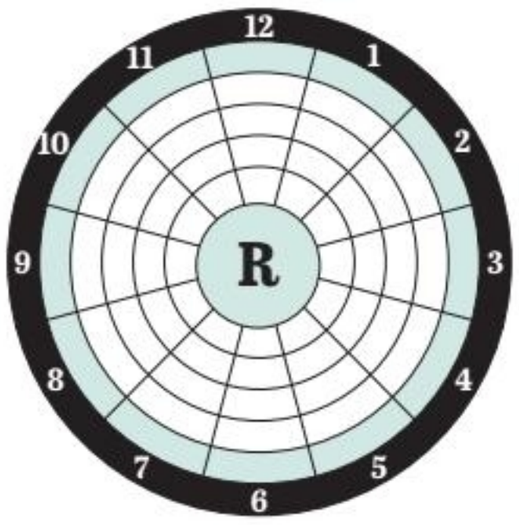
CODEWORD:
1=S, 2=T, 3=P, 4=K, 5=U, 6=X, 7=Y, 8=I, 9=Q, 10=A, 11=C, 12=H, 13=E, 14=B, 15=J, 16=O, 17=G, 18=N, 19=D, 20=F, 21=M, 22=V, 23=W, 24=Z, 25=L, 26=R.

WORD WHEEL:
FURNITURE.

CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter R in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a TV comedian.



1. Parent
2. Bacon slice
3. Writer
4. Digit
5. Smoked herring
6. Tremble
7. Murderer
8. Within a building
9. Closer
10. Chat
11. Devon city
12. Clergyman

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

THE CLUES:

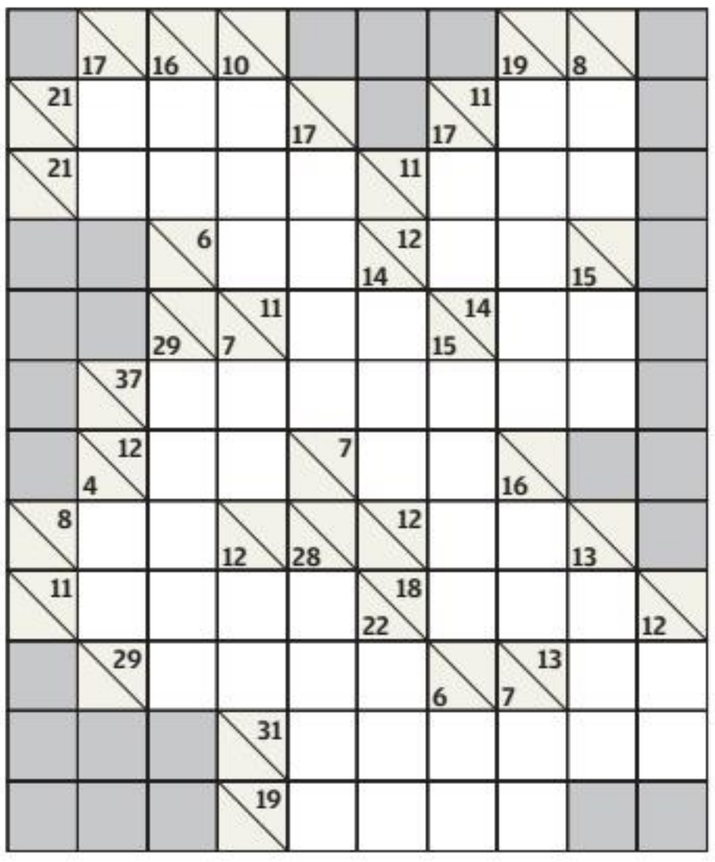
62719 gives talkative;
173468 gives wordless;
5754 gives wordless theatre.

KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9.

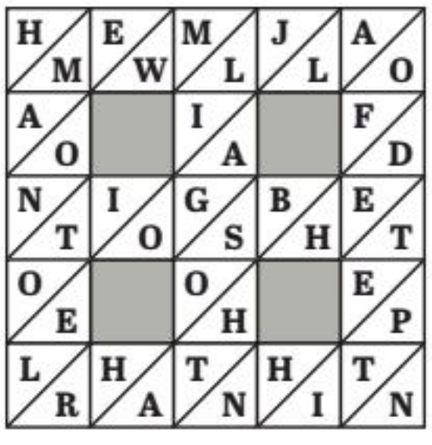
Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it.

No number may be used more than once in any one block.



SPLIT DECISION

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



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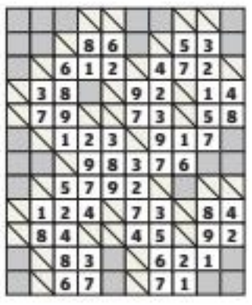
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CLOCKWORD:
1 Dealer, 2 Antler, 3 Vapour, 4 Isobar, 5 Dagger, 6 Badger, 7 Armour, 8 Detour, 9 Danger, 10 Impair, 11 Eraser, 12 Lawyer.

CELEBRITY: David Baddiel.

NINER:
SHIPBOARD

KAKURO:



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SPLIT DECISION:

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ADVERTORIAL

Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing **too little, too late** to protect their hard-earned assets.

Paul King, Head of April King Legal

Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Bloodline Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

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Friday September 22nd

DAYTIME

BBC1

EastEnders, 8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Fake Britain** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Dom on the Spot** (S)(R) **11.45 Thief Trackers** (S)(R) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Boss** (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S) **3.45 Garden Rescue** (S) **4.30 Celebrity Money for Nothing** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

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7.00 The One Show Hosted by Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 A Question of Sport; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

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8.00 EastEnders (S)
8.30 Celebrity MasterChef The three remaining celebrities take part in the Masterchef final. Last in the series. (S)

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10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 Would I Lie to You? (S)(R)

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11.05 Room 101 John Torode, Russell Howard and Katherine Parkinson discuss their pet hates. (S)(R)
11.35 The NFL Show (S)

AFTER 12

12.05 FILM A Few Best Men (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Xavier Samuel. (S) **1.40** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.45** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Gardeners' World, 9pm

6.30 Fake Britain (S)(R) **7.15 Garden Rescue** (S)(R) **8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 For What It's Worth** (S)(R) **1.45 The £100K House: Tricks of the Trade** (S)(R) **2.45 Who Do You Think You Are?** (S)(R) **3.45 Great British Railway Journeys** (S)(R) **4.15 Earthflight** (S)(R) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games** (S) **6.30 Eggheads** (S)

7.00 This Farming Life Janet and Alastair have to de-horn their newborn calves. (S)

8.00 Mastermind Specialist subjects include Coronation Street. (S)
8.30 Only Connect A team of people who met on a quiz app take on three public school teachers. (S)

9.00 Gardeners' World Monty Don plants bulbs to brighten the dark winter days ahead. (S)

10.00 Mock the Week With James Acaster, Ed Byrne, Gary Delaney, Ivo Graham and Zoe Lyons. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Weather (S)
11.05 The A-Z of Later – with Jools Holland: From Adele to ZZ Top (S)(R)

12.35 Sign Zone: Africa's Billion Pound Migrant Trail – Panorama (S)(R) **1.05** Germany's New Nazis – Panorama (S)(R) **1.50 FILM Whitney: Can I Be Me (2017) (15)** (S) **3.30** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Coronation Street, 7.30pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** (S) **3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S) **5.00 The Chase** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Aidan is alarmed by developments at the factory. (S)

8.00 Teach My Pet to Do That A miniature American shepherd dog and pony unite to track down a lost mobile phone. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street (S)

9.00 Cold Feet Adam's attempt to right his son's wrongs doesn't go according to plan. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.45 Bad Move A husband and wife make the disastrous decision to move to the country. (S)(R)

11.15 Tonight at the London Palladium Featuring Sheena Easton, Rick Astley, Imelda May and Lea Michele. (S)(R)

12.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Storage Hoarders (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

The Crystal Maze, 8pm

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) **11.00 Coast vs Country** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 French Collection** (S) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 Cheap Cheap Cheap** (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** (S) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 The Crystal Maze Five disproportionately excitable young women tackle the Maze. (S)

9.00 Gogglebox Households' opinions on recent TV. (S)

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jason Manford and Joe Wilkinson take on Lee Mack and Fay Ripley. (S)

11.05 First Dates The return of the dating show. (S)(R)

12.10 Back (S)(R) **12.40** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice (S)(R) **1.20 FILM The Three Stooges (2012) (PG)** (S) **3.00** Electric Dreams: The Hood Maker (S)(R) **4.00** Grand Designs Australia (S) **4.55** Building the Dream (S)(R)

Channel 5

Michael Jackson: Man in the Mirror, 10pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **1.10 Access** (S) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 The Mentalist** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM Jesse Stone: Benefit of the Doubt (2012) (12)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh Alan visits Attingham Hall in Shropshire; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 Celebrity 5 Go Motorhoming The gang reaches the Isle of Skye. Last in the series; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 Cruising with Jane McDonald The presenter cruises around Cuba, starting and ending in Havana. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 Michael Jackson: Man in the Mirror Profile of the singer. (S) (R)

12.00 SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Gotham (S)(R) **4.00** Gotham (S) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **7.15** Below Deck **8.00** Emmerdale **9.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **9.30** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **10.20** Below Deck **11.15** Dress to Impress **12.20** Emmerdale **1.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.50** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Dress to Impress **7.00** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: The Fast and the Furious (2001) (15) Thriller, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker. **11.05** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** Bromans **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.40** Heartbeat **7.40** Where the Heart Is **8.40** Wild at Heart **9.40** Judge Judy **11.00** George and Mildred **11.35** On the Buses **12.40** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant **1.05** Heartbeat **2.10** Doc Martin **3.10** Wild at Heart **4.15** On the Buses **5.20** George and Mildred **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** By Royal Appointment **9.00** Mr Selfridge **10.00** The Guilty **11.05** Wycliffe **12.10** The Blonde Bombshell **3.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.25** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Top of the Pops: 1984 **8.00** The Live Lounge Show **9.00** Sisters in Country: Dolly, Linda and Emmylou **9.55** Country Queens at the BBC **11.00** Kenny Rogers: Cards on the Table **12.00** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.30** Country Kings at the BBC **1.30** Sisters in Country: Dolly, Linda and Emmylou **2.30** Country Queens at the BBC **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **6.30** Rude(ish) Tube **7.00** Charmed **8.00** Melissa & Joey **9.00** 2 Broke Girls **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Melissa & Joey **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** 2 Broke Girls **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** All Star Driving School **8.00** FILM: Knight and Day (2010) (12) Comedy adventure, with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. **10.00** Celebs Go Dating **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** The IT Crowd **1.15** Celebs Go Dating **2.25** First Dates **3.15** Tattoo Fixers: Top Tatts **4.10** Rude(ish) Tube **5.00** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **11.00** Four in a Bed **1.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **3.50** Time Team **5.55** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces **6.55** The Secret Life of the Zoo **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Professor T **10.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.05** The Great British Sex Survey **2.45** Grand Designs **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Mysterious Island (1961) (PG) Sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Craig. **1.05** The Mouse That Roared (1959) (U) **2.45** The Wonderful Country (1959) (U) Western, starring Robert Mitchum. **4.45** The Three Musketeers (1973) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Michael York. **6.55** Dante's Peak (1997) (12) Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosnan. **9.00** RoboCop (2014) (12) Sci-fi thriller remake, starring Joel Kinnaman. **11.15** Kill Your Friends (2015) (18) Premiere. Drama, starring Nicholas Hoult. **1.20** The Last Picture Show (1971) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Jay Leno's Garage **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Brojects in the House **3.30** Brojects **4.00** Traffic Cops **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Motorway Cops **8.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** FILM: xXx (2002) (12) Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel. **11.30** QI **12.30** Mock the Week **1.10** QI **1.50** Would I Lie to You? At Christmas **2.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.00** Parks and Recreation **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Bill **8.00** London's Burning **9.00** Casualty **10.00** Bergerac **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** Brush Strokes **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** London's Burning **4.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** Bergerac **6.00** Brush Strokes **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** As Time Goes By **8.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.00** The Bill **1.00** David Copperfield **2.05** Garrow's Law **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** Monkey Life **9.00** The Dog Whisperer **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Futurama **5.30** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** Zoo **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** The Force: Essex **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Motorway Patrol **4.00** Animal 999 **5.00** The Dog Whisperer

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Urban Secrets **8.00** Fish Town **10.00** The West Wing **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** Fish Town **4.00** The West Wing **6.00** Without a Trace **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.25** Dexter **12.35** The Wire **3.15** Vice Principals **4.00** The West Wing

W SKY: 109

6.05 Countryside 999 **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** My Dream Home **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** River Cottage Veg **2.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** My Dream Home **5.00** Tipping Point **7.00** MasterChef Australia **9.00** FILM: From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) (18) Horror, starring George Clooney. **11.00** EastEnders **11.40** Babies: Special Delivery **2.00** The Musketeers **2.40** Judge Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.20 A Sharp Intake of Breath **7.50** Goodnight Sweetheart **8.55** Lucky Feller **9.30** The Piglet Files **10.00** A Sharp Intake of Breath **10.35** Butterflies **11.15** Goodnight Sweetheart **11.55** David Jason: My Life on Screen **12.55** Only Fools and Horses **12.00** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.20** Lucky Feller **1.55** The Piglet Files **2.30** Butterflies **3.05** Harry Hill's TV Burp **3.55** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **8.30** Live New Zealand NPC Rugby. **10.20** Rugby Greatest Games **10.30** Premier League Daily **11.00** Sky Sports Now **11.30** Live European Tour Golf. The Portugal Masters. **1.30** Live Laver Cup Tennis. Coverage of the opening day of the men's tournament. **3.30** Live European Tour Golf. The Portugal Masters. **6.30** Live PGA Tour Golf. The Tour Championship. **8.00** Live Super League Super 8s. Castleford Tigers v Hull FC (kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** The Debate **11.00** Through the Night

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Saturday September 23rd

BBC1

Pointless Celebrities, 5.35pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **2.00 Cycling: Road World Championships** (S) **4.00 Final Score** (S) **5.15 BBC News** (S) **5.25 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.35 Pointless Celebrities** (S) **6.25 Strictly Come Dancing** (S)

DAYTIME

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8.45 Casualty Former registrar Samantha Nicholls starts work as Holby's newest paramedic. (S)

9

9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes fears her family is planning to send her to a nursing home. (S)(R)

10

10.05 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.25 Match of the Day Including highlights of West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur. (S)

11

11.55 People Just Do Nothing Miche and Grindah's wedding day arrives. Last in the series. (S)

AFTER 12

12.25 FILM Hollywood Homicide (2003) (12) Action comedy, starring Harrison Ford. (S) **2.15** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.20** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Gardeners' World, 5.30pm

7.15 FILM African Cats (2011) (U) (S)
8.45 FILM Kitty Foyle (1940) (PG) (S)
10.30 Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo (S)(R) **11.00 Coast** (S)(R) **12.00 Rick Stein's Long Weekends** (S)(R) **1.00 Cheetahs – Growing Up Fast** (S)(R) **2.00 Flog It!** (S) **2.30 Mastermind** (S)(R) **3.00 University Challenge** (S)(R) **3.30 Only Connect** (S)(R) **4.00 Cycling: Road World Championships** (S) **5.30 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **6.30 The Big Family Cooking Showdown** (S)(R)

7.30 Front Row New series. Radio 4's long-running review show makes the leap to TV screens. (S)

8.00 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands Paul Murton visits Berneray, Grimsay, Kirkibost and Pabbay. (S)(R)
8.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)

9.00 Later – with Jools Holland 25th Birthday Show An evening of live music to celebrate the show's 25th anniversary. (S)

11.00 FILM Brighton Rock (2010) (15) Drama, starring Sam Riley and Andrea Riseborough. (S)

12.45 FILM The Stepford Wives (2004) (12) Black comedy remake, starring Nicole Kidman. (S) **2.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Family Chase, 7pm

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! (S) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Saturday Morning with James Martin** (S) **11.25 The Hungry Sailors** (S)(R) **12.20 ITV News** (S) **12.25 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **2.25 The Chase** (S)(R) **3.25 The X Factor** (S)(R) **4.25 Little Big Shots** (S)(R) **5.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.40 ITV News** (S) **6.00 Cannonball** Water-based obstacle course challenge, hosted by Andrew Flintoff. (S)

7.00 The Family Chase The Ghandis from London take on the show's pro quizzers. (S)

8.00 The X Factor The auditions phase draws close to its conclusion. (S)

9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show With guests Mel Brooks, Lewis Hamilton, Russell Brand and Paloma Faith. (S)

10.20 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.35 FILM Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000) (12) Bumbling scientist Sherman Klump tries to rid himself of his troublesome alter ego Buddy Love, but his experiment backfires. Comedy sequel, with Eddie Murphy and Janet Jackson. (S)

12.30 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson, 7pm

6.00 Triathlon: Ironman Wales (S) **6.25 Mobil 1 The Grid** (S) **6.55 Motor Sport: Caterham** (S) **7.20 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship** (S) **7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.35 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.35 The Big Bang Theory** (S) **10.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.55 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **2.30 Homes by the Sea** (S)(R) **3.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **5.35 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson New series. The Time Team host travels along more of Britain's ancient trackways. (S)

8.00 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails British POW Len Harley's flight to freedom in Nazi-occupied Italy. (S)

9.00 FILM Cowboys & Aliens (2011) (12) Premiere. Sci-fi Western, with Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford. (S)

11.20 FILM Survivor (2015) (PG) Thriller, starring Milla Jovovich and Pierce Brosnan. (S)

1.05 Speed with Guy Martin (S)(R) **2.25** Hollyoaks (S) **4.30** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.25** Too Many Cooks (S)(R) **5.55** Last Man Standing (S)

Channel 5

Football on 5: The Championship, 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles The heroes seek the final piece of the Black Hole Generator. (S)(R) **10.40 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud** The internet's most popular videos featuring dogs. (S)(R) **11.00 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **3.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R) **5.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **6.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R)

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Agents in central London to try and recover almost £1,900 owed in parking fines. (S)(R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Steve and Ben visit a tenant who owes £14,000 in unpaid rent. (S)(R)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush All the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 NCIS: Los Angeles Movie – Race Again (S)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.25** Emmerdale **9.00** Coronation Street **12.00** The X Factor **1.05** Take Me Out **2.20** You've Been Framed! Goes Wild! **3.20** FILM: Babe (1995) (U) Family comedy, starring James Cromwell. **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25** FILM: Babe (1995) (U) Concluded. **5.10** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Neil Patrick Harris. **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Concluded. **7.15** FILM: Gravity (2013) (12) Thriller, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** FILM: Gravity (2013) (12) Concluded. **9.00** FILM: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) (12) Thriller sequel, starring Paul Walker. **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** FILM: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) (12) Concluded. **11.15** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.10** Celebrity Juice **1.55** Bromans **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Murder, She Wrote **7.20** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **8.20** FYI Daily **8.25** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **9.10** FILM: Man About the House (1974) (PG) **10.10** FYI Daily **10.15** FILM: Man About the House (1974) (PG) **11.00** FILM: Columbo: Playback (1975) (PG) **12.35** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.35** Foyle's War **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.05** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Incredible Human Journey **8.00** Wild China. The majesty of the hills of Guillin, and the unique cormorant fishermen of the Li river. **9.00** Black Lake **10.30** James May: The Reassembler **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.00** Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop **1.00** Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities **2.00** Wild China **3.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 How I Met Your Mother **6.50** Don't Tell the Bride **7.50** Streetmate **8.20** Couples Come Dine with Me **10.30** FILM: Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (2004) (PG) **12.10** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Priest (2011) (12) Fantasy thriller, starring Paul Bettany. **10.50** Naked Attraction **11.55** Celebs Go Dating **3.00** First Dates **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.30** Coast vs Country **10.25** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **2.50** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Great Canal Journeys **9.00** Queen Victoria's Last Love **10.00** Queen Victoria and the Crippled Kaiser – Secret History **11.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Big Fat Gypsy Weddings **2.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Rugrats Movie (1999) (U) **1.00** Johnny English Reborn (2011) (PG) **3.05** A Monster in Paris (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Vanessa Paradis. **4.50** The Poseidon Adventure (1972) (PG) Disaster movie, starring Gene Hackman. **7.15** Airplane II: The Sequel (1982) (15) Disaster movie spoof, with Robert Hays. **9.00** Speed (1994) (15) Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. **11.15** The Mechanic (2011) (15) Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham. **1.05** V/H/S/2 (2013) (18) **3.05** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Top Gear **8.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **9.00** Top Gear **10.00** Brojects **11.00** Top Gear **1.00** Traffic Cops **2.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Would I Lie to You? **6.20** Would I Lie to You? – The Unseen Bits **7.00** Red Dwarf **9.00** FILM: Kill Bill: Vol 2 (2004) (18) Revenge thriller sequel, starring Uma Thurman. **11.50** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.50** QI XL **2.45** Parks and Recreation **3.35** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 All Creatures Great and Small **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** Judge John Deed **7.00** Sue Thomas: FBEye **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shetland **11.40** Waking the Dead **2.05** Garrow's Law **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **7.00** Football's Funniest Moments **7.30** Futurama **8.00** The F1 Show **8.30** Soccer AM: The Best Bits **9.00** PL Prediction Show **9.30** Premier League Preview **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** The Next Jamie Vardy **12.30** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.30** PL Greatest Games **2.45** Gillette Soccer Saturday. Up-to-the-minute scores. **5.15** PL Greatest Games **5.30** Modern Family **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Stella **10.00** The Russell Howard Hour **11.00** FILM: Wanted (2008) (18) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. **1.10** Hawaii Five-0 **2.05** Most Daring **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City **7.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** The Guest Wing **11.00** FILM: Temple Grandin (2010) (PG) **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.20** Ballers **11.55** Real Time with Bill Maher **1.05** The Wire **3.45** Dice **4.20** The British

W SKY: 109

6.10 Countryside 999 **7.00** The Bill **12.00** EastEnders **2.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **5.30** The Secret Life of the Ballroom **6.30** My Family **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Nadiya Hussain **9.00** FILM: Training Day (2001) (18) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington. **11.20** Louis Theroux: By Reason of Insanity **12.40** Babies: Special Delivery **1.40** Grimm **2.25** Judge Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Goodnight Sweetheart **8.05** Lucky Feller **8.40** The Piglet Files **9.15** A Sharp Intake of Breath **9.50** Butterflies **10.25** Goodnight Sweetheart **11.00** Only Fools and Horses **11.35** Goodnight Sweetheart **12.55** A Sharp Intake of Breath **1.25** The Piglet Files **2.00** Butterflies **2.30** Harry Hill's TV Burp **3.20** Lucky Feller **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **8.30** Live New Zealand NPC Rugby. **10.20** Rugby Greatest Games **10.30** Soccer Saturday Pre-Match **11.30** Live SPFL. Rangers v Celtic (kick-off 12.00pm). **2.45** Gillette Soccer Saturday **3.15** Live Super League Super 8s. Wakefield Trinity Wildcats v Wigan Warriors (kick-off 3.15pm). **5.15** Live EFL. Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest (kick-off 5.30pm). **7.40** Live La Liga Football. Girona FC v Barcelona (kick-off 7.45pm). **9.45** Live PGA Tour Golf. The Tour Championship. **11.30** Premier League Highlights **12.00** Through the Night **2.00** Live Fight Night International. **5.30** Sky Sports Boxing Gold

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Sunday September 24th

BBC1

Countryfile, 7pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.15 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.45 Points of View** (S) **4.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **4.35 How to Stay Young** (S)(R) **5.35 Invictus Games 2017** (S) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7 **7.00 Countryfile** Matt Baker and Charlotte Smith present Countryfile's annual shepherding contest. (S)

8 **8.00 Antiques Roadshow** New series. The programme embarks on its 40th anniversary tour. (S)

9 **9.00 The Child in Time** Drama, based on Ian McEwan's Whitbread Prize-winning novel. (S)

10 **10.30 BBC News** (S) **10.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

11 **11.00 Have I Got Old News for You** With Mel Giedroyc, Ross Noble and the Rev Richard Coles. (S)(R) **11.30 The Women's Football Show** (S)

AFTER 12 **12.10 NFL Highlights – Jacksonville Jaguars v Baltimore Ravens** (S) **1.10** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.15** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?, 8pm

6.05 Great British Garden Revival (S)(R) **7.05 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.05 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **8.35 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites – Sunday Edition** (S) **11.00 Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking** (S)(R) **11.30 My Life on a Plate** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Cycling: Road World Championships** (S) **4.30 The Wonder of Animals** (S)(R) **5.00 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Tribes, Predators & Me** (S)(R)

7.00 Top Gear Matt LeBlanc and Chris Harris go on a road trip in convertible supercars. (S)(R)

8.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? The best candidates are chosen for spacewalk training at Kennedy Space Centre. (S)

9.00 Dragons' Den The panel assess a space age business venture. (S)

10.00 Live at the Apollo With Frankie Boyle, Jack Carroll and Holly Walsh. (S)(R) **10.30 Match of the Day 2** Brighton & Hove Albion v Newcastle United. (S)

11.15 FILM Boyz N the Hood (1991) (15) Drama, with Cuba Gooding Jr and Laurence Fishburne. (S)

1.00 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **2.00** Holby City (S)(R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two (S)

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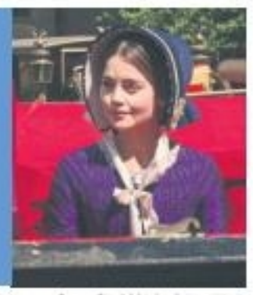

Victoria, 9pm

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! (S) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 James Martin's French Adventure** (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Amazing Animal Births** (S)(R) **11.30 Robson Green's Coastal Lives** (S)(R) **12.00 Bigheads** (S)(R) **1.00 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.10 The Chase** (S)(R) **2.10 The X Factor** (S)(R) **3.25 FILM Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U)** (S) **5.35 Victoria** (S)(R) **6.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.40 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars With guest contestants Matt Le Tissier, Andrea McLean and Steve Pemberton. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary presents the final selection of room auditions. (S)

9.00 Victoria The young monarch visits the decadent court of her French counterpart, King Louis Philippe. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.20 Peston on Sunday** Political magazine. (S)(R)

11.20 Liar Laura's online attack on Andrew yields unexpected consequences. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Egypt's Great Pyramid: The New Evidence, 8pm

6.20 Last Man Standing (S) **7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Hulk (2003) (12)** Comic-book adventure, starring Eric Bana. (S) **4.10 The Crystal Maze** (S)(R) **5.10 The Great British Bake Off** Nine remaining contestants tackle the show's first caramel week. (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Escape to the Chateau New series. Dick and Angel Strawbridge's French chateau renovation challenge continues. (S)

8.00 Egypt's Great Pyramid: The New Evidence A fresh discovery shedding light on the role ships and water may have played in the pyramids' construction. (S)

9.00 Electric Dreams: Impossible Planet A discontented intergalactic tour guide receives an intriguing proposition. (S)

10.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jon Richardson and Cariad Lloyd take on Alan Carr and Kevin Bridges. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM The Grand Budapest Hotel (2014) (15) Wes Anderson's comedy drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Tony Revolori. (S)

1.00 The Supervet (S)(R) **1.55** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **2.50** Grand Designs Australia (S) **3.45** Gillette World Sport (S) **4.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **4.40** Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) **5.10** Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) **5.30** Four in a Bed (S)(R)

Channel 5

Cricket on 5, 7pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.40 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Annie (2014) (PG)** Musical remake, starring Quvenzhane Wallis. (S) **3.15 Worst Weather Ever?** (S)(R) **4.10 Inside the Mega Twister** (S)(R) **5.10 Killer Landslides** (S)(R) **6.10 Sinkholes: Buried Alive** (S)(R)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v West Indies. (S)

8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights Highlights from the fourth round of matches. (S) **8.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

9.00 FILM Olympus Has Fallen (2013) (15) Action thriller, starring Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart and Morgan Freeman. (S)

10.05 5 News Update (S) **10.10 FILM Olympus Has Fallen (2013) (15)** Concluded. (S)

11.15 FILM Enter the Dragon (1973) (18) Martial arts thriller, starring Bruce Lee, John Saxon and Jim Kelly. (S)

1.15 SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Gotham (S)(R) **4.00** My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (S)(R) **4.50** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.10** You've Been Framed! Gold Rides Again **7.00** Coronation Street **10.00** 2Awesome: Guidance **10.25** 2Awesome: LA Story **10.35** 2Awesome: Cheerleaders: Steel Rays **10.55** 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style **11.10** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.35** The X Factor **12.50** Take Me Out **2.05** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.35** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Concluded. **4.40** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Hank Azaria. **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Concluded. **6.45** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Concluded. **10.00** Family Guy **11.25** American Dad! **12.50** Through the Keyhole **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.25** FILM: Man About the House (1974) (PG) TV comedy spin-off, starring Richard O'Sullivan. **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** FILM: Man About the House (1974) (PG) **8.15** Heartbeat **10.20** Murder, She Wrote **12.25** FILM: Death on the Nile (1978) (PG) **1.25** FYI Daily **1.30** FILM: Death on the Nile (1978) (PG) Concluded. **3.15** FILM: Columbo: A Case of Immunity (1975) (U) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.45** Wycliffe **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** By Royal Appointment **11.00** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **1.15** The Knock **3.10** Mr Selfridge **4.00** Griff's Great Britain **4.50** Judge Judy **5.10** On the Buses **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Britain Beneath Your Feet **9.00** Listen to Britain 2017 **11.15** When Albums Ruled the World **12.45** Precision: The Measure of All Things **1.45** Treasures of the Louvre **3.15** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Kevin Can Wait **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** Don't Tell the Bride **12.00** My Hotter Half **1.05** The Goldbergs **2.40** FILM: Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) (PG) Family comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **4.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Volcano (1997) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones. **10.00** Naked Attraction **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.20** Don't Tell the Bride **3.10** Rude Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location **12.05** Come Dine with Me **2.50** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** World's Most Expensive Cars **9.00** Car SOS **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E **11.05** 999: What's Your Emergency? **12.05** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.00** Car SOS **3.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 My Darling Clementine (1946) (PG) Western, starring Henry Fonda. **1.00** Fletch (1985) (PG) Comedy mystery, starring Chevy Chase. **3.00** The Four Musketeers (1974) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Oliver Reed. **5.05** The Two Faces of January (2014) (12) Thriller, starring Viggo Mortensen. **6.55** Life or Something Like It (2002) (12) Comedy, with Angelina Jolie. **9.00** Red (2010) (12) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **11.15** The Ladykillers (2004) (15) Comedy remake, starring Tom Hanks. **1.25** Extract (2010) (15) **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Top Gear **8.00** Sin City Motors **10.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** Red Dwarf **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Porters **11.40** Live at the Apollo Christmas Special **12.40** QI XL **1.40** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **2.35** Parks and Recreation **3.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.05 The Bill **11.00** Emma **4.00** Catherine Cookson's The Secret **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Silent Witness **11.15** Taggart **2.05** Garrow's Law **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **8.00** Futurama **10.00** WWE Raw Hits **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** The Last Ship **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** The Russell Howard Hour **12.00** Zoo **1.00** Most Shocking **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** The Guest Wing **8.55** The British **10.45** House **1.30** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **3.00** The Making of David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Tin Star **10.00** Real Time with Bill Maher **11.10** Ballers **11.45** FILM: The Wolfpack (2015) (15) Documentary about six brothers who were banned from leaving their New York flat. **1.30** The Wire **2.50** Dice **4.00** The British

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6.00 MasterChef Australia **12.30** My Restaurant in India **12.50** Doctor Who **3.50** FILM: Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Anne Hathaway. **5.50** FILM: Free Willy (1993) (PG) Family drama, starring Jason James Richter. **8.00** The Secret Life of the Ballroom **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Nadiya Hussain **10.00** The Davina Hour **11.00** Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis **12.00** One Born Every Minute **1.00** Doctor Who **1.55** Grimm **2.35** Beverly Hills Pawn **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Goodnight Sweetheart **8.00** Lucky Feller **8.35** The Piglet Files **9.05** A Sharp Intake of Breath **9.40** Butterflies **10.20** Goodnight Sweetheart **11.00** Only Fools and Horses **4.00** The Story of Only Fools and Horses **5.00** Only Fools and Horses **11.15** Goodnight Sweetheart **12.35** A Sharp Intake of Breath **1.10** The Piglet Files **1.40** Butterflies **2.20** Harry Hill's TV Burp **3.10** The Thin Blue Line **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Total Goals **9.00** Live One-Day International Cricket. India v Australia. **10.30** Live One-Day International Cricket. England v West Indies. **1.00** Live EFL. Sheffield Wednesday v Sheffield United (kick-off 1.15pm). **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Brighton & Hove Albion v Newcastle United (kick-off 4.00pm). **6.00** Live NFL. Philadelphia Eagles v New York Giants (kick-off 6.00pm). **9.00** Live PGA Tour Golf. The Tour Championship. **11.30** Live NFL. A match from the NFL season. **12.30** NFL Undiscovered **1.00** NFL Season in 6 **1.15** Live NFL. **4.30** NFL Undiscovered **5.00** Through the Night

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Monday September 25th

BBC1

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Fake Britain** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Neighbourhood Blues** (S) **11.45 Thief Trackers** (S)(R) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Boss** (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.45 Garden Rescue** (S)(R) **4.30 Antiques Road Trip** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

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7.00 The One Show Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 Invictus Games 2017 Action from day two; (S) BBC News; Regional News (S)

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8.00 EastEnders Stacey's behaviour worries Whitney and Woody. (S)
8.30 Invictus Games 2017 Action from day two. (S)

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9.00 Rellik Another suspect in the serial killer case emerges. (S)

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10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News and Weather (S)
10.45 Professor Green: Living in Poverty (S)

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11.40 Live at the Apollo Comedy sets by Frankie Boyle, Simon Evans and Aisling Bea. (S)(R)
11.40 Granada/YTV The Super League Show (S)

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12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.00 Flog It! Trade Secrets (S)(R) **6.30 Fake Britain** (S)(R) **7.15 Garden Rescue** (S)(R) **8.00 Sign Zone: The Big Family Cooking Showdown** (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **11.30 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 For What It's Worth** (S)(R) **1.45 The £100K House: Tricks of the Trade** (S)(R) **2.45 Who Do You Think You Are?** (S)(R) **3.45 Great American Railroad Journeys** (S)(R) **4.15 Earthflight** (S)(R) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Eggheads** (S) **6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two** (S)

7.00 Antiques Road Trip Paul Laidlaw and Natasha Raskin start their trip on the west coast of Scotland. (S)

8.00 University Challenge (S)
8.30 Upstart Crow Will is desperate to find a new idea for his next play. (S)

9.00 The Human Body: Secrets of Your Life Revealed New series. The secrets of the body, beginning with the changes it goes through. (S)

10.00 W1A Ian is under pressure to find Ryan an on-screen role. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.10 Weather (S)
11.15 Today at Conference: Labour A review of the day's events. (S)
11.45 World's Busiest Cities: Delhi (S)(R)

12.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **1.40** Celebrity MasterChef (S)(R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** (S) **3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S) **5.00 The Chase** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Robert plots Lachlan's downfall. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Audrey forms a plan for Bethany's future. (S)

8.00 Countrywise: Guide to Britain Ben Fogle assesses how cycling has taken off in Yorkshire. (S)(R)
8.30 Coronation Street Bethany accepts Audrey's job offer. (S)

9.00 Liar Laura's worst fears come to pass and her hidden past is exposed. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.40 100 Year Old Driving School Cameras follow seasoned drivers in Surrey as they sit their assessments. (S)(R)

11.40 The Jonathan Ross Show With guests Mel Brooks, Lewis Hamilton, Russell Brand and Paloma Faith. (S)(R)

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) **3.55 ITV** Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) **11.00 Coast vs Country** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 French Collection** (S) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (S) **4.00 My Kitchen Rules** (S) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)
7.55 The Political Slot With Rebecca Long-Bailey MP. (S)

8.00 Jamie's Quick & Easy Food Jamie Oliver makes a pork burger. (S)
8.30 Superfoods: The Real Story (S)

9.00 The Undateables The dating hopefuls include 24-year-old autistic film fanatic Sam. (S)

10.00 First Dates Science technician Ian has a date with shy nursery nurse Stacie. (S)

11.05 Gogglebox Households' opinions on recent TV. (S)(R)

12.05 Random Acts (S) **12.35** 60 Days in Jail (S) **1.45** WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails (S)(R) **2.40** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **3.30 FILM Jugni (2016) (U) 5.35** Four in a Bed (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff (S) **11.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **1.10 Access** (S) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.20 The Mentalist** (S)(R) **3.20 FILM Kidnapped: The Search for Tommy (2015) (PG)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 MotoGP Highlights The Aragon Grand Prix; (S) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 Police Interceptors Mark and Steve stop a suspicious man trying to hide his true identity; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 Paddington Station 24/7 The staff venture down into tunnels to carry out fire safety checks. (S)

10.00 Draining the Bermuda Triangle An exploration of the mysterious area of ocean. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM The Last Stand (2013) (15) Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Johnny Knoxville. (S)

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6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **6.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **7.15** Below Deck **8.00** Emmerdale **8.30** Coronation Street **9.30** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **10.20** Below Deck **11.15** Dress to Impress **12.20** Emmerdale **12.50** Coronation Street **1.50** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Dress to Impress **7.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** Family Guy **10.00** American Dad! **11.00** Family Guy **12.00** The Cleveland Show **12.25** Celebrity Juice **1.10** Two and a Half Men **1.40** Scorpion **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.50** Heartbeat **7.50** Where the Heart Is **8.55** Wild at Heart **9.55** Judge Judy **11.10** George and Mildred **11.45** On the Buses **12.50** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant **1.20** Heartbeat **2.20** Doc Martin **3.20** Wild at Heart **4.20** On the Buses **5.25** George and Mildred **6.00** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Housewife, 49 **12.00** Cold Blood **1.25** On the Buses **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Beyond 100 Days **7.00** Weather **7.30** Through the Lens of Larkin **8.00** Dangerous Earth **9.00** The Vietnam War **10.50** Cold War, Hot Jets **11.50** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **12.50** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **1.50** The Art of Gothic: Britain's Midnight Hour **2.50** Dangerous Earth **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **7.00** Charmed **8.00** Melissa & Joey **9.00** 2 Broke Girls **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Melissa & Joey **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** 2 Broke Girls **5.00** The Goldbergs **5.30** Stage School **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** All Star Driving School **8.00** FILM: Knight and Day (2010) (12) Comedy adventure, with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. **10.00** Celebs Go Dating **11.05** Celebrity Psych Test **11.40** The Big Bang Theory **12.35** Rude Tube **1.40** Celebs Go Dating **2.40** First Dates **3.35** Tattoo Fixers **4.25** Rude(ish) Tube **4.50** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **11.00** Four in a Bed **1.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **3.50** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses **4.50** Homes by the Sea **5.55** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces **6.55** The Secret Life of the Zoo **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Finding Babylon's Hanging Garden – Secret History **10.00** 999: What's Your Emergency? **11.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.00** Dogging Tales **2.15** Grand Designs **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Father Goose (1964) (U) Comedy drama, with Cary Grant. **1.20** Footsteps in the Fog (1955) (PG) Period thriller, starring Stewart Granger and Jean Simmons. **3.15** The Black Knight (1954) (U) Swashbuckling adventure, with Alan Ladd. **5.00** Von Ryan's Express (1965) (PG) Second World War action adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. **7.20** Dr Dolittle (1998) (PG) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **9.00** The Day After Tomorrow (2004) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid. **11.25** Horns (2013) (15) Horror, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **1.45** The Raven (2012) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Jay Leno's Garage **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Brojects in the House **3.30** Brojects **4.00** Motorway Cops **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Motorway Cops **8.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **9.00** Live at the Apollo Christmas Special **10.00** Room 101 **11.20** QI **12.00** Would I Lie to You? **12.40** Mock the Week **1.20** QI **2.00** Would I Lie to You? **2.40** Parks and Recreation **3.35** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 David Copperfield **8.00** London's Burning **9.00** Casualty **10.00** Bergerac **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** Brush Strokes **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** London's Burning **4.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** Bergerac **6.00** Brush Strokes **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** As Time Goes By **8.00** Life on Mars **9.00** Death in Paradise **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.00** The Bill **1.00** The Ark **2.45** New Tricks **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

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7.00 MasterChef Australia **8.00** My Dream Home **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** John Torode's Australia **2.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** My Dream Home **5.00** Tipping Point **7.00** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals **7.30** MasterChef Australia **9.00** The Davina Hour **10.00** Parks and Recreation **11.00** EastEnders **11.40** One Born: What Happened Next? **12.40** Babies: Special Delivery **1.40** Beverly Hills Pawn **3.00** Home Shopping

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7.00 Goodnight Sweetheart **8.10** Lucky Feller **8.45** The Piglet Files **9.20** A Sharp Intake of Breath **9.55** Butterflies **10.35** Goodnight Sweetheart **11.55** Only Fools and Horses **11.00** Goodnight Sweetheart **12.20** Lucky Feller **12.55** The Piglet Files **2.00** Harry Hill's TV Burp **3.00** Bob Monkhouse: On the Spot **3.30** A Sharp Intake of Breath **4.00** Home Shopping

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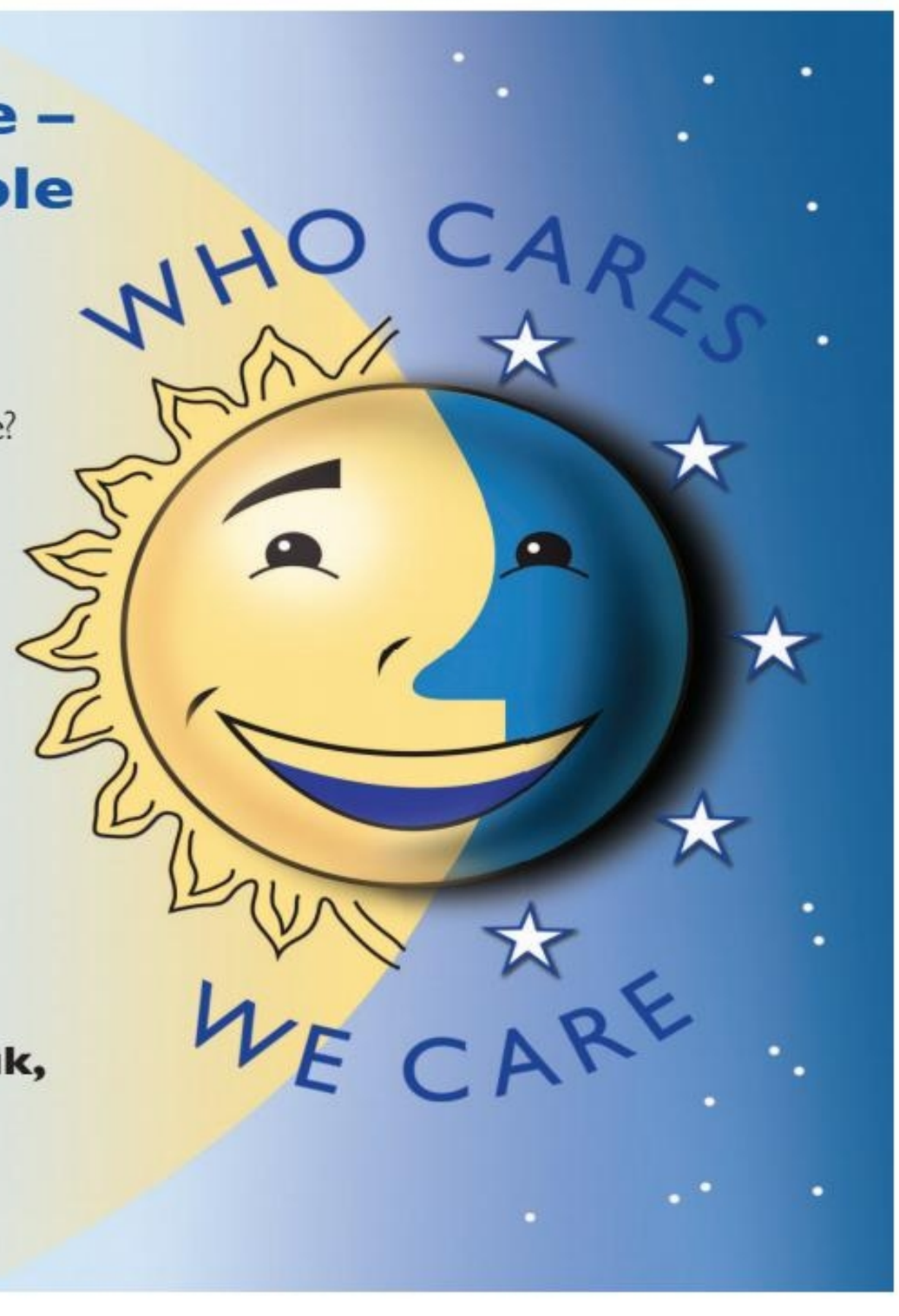

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By **Tony Yates**

When you are thinking about buying a new car – you need to consider quite a few things. For instance – is it fuel efficient, does have a DAB Radio and does it come with plenty of space for all those quick weekends away. But the most important question here really is; will it stack up against what VW, Peugeot & Ford have to offer.

Well, the Corsa has been around a very long time, and I remember passing my driving test in one, it was the same for my wife, and all our friends. Plus let's not forget the Corsa has to be one of the most modified cars of all time. My brother also had one and I remember him spending most of his spare cash on large wheels and go faster stripes.

So, does the new model have what it takes to fight off all the competition? Well, let's find out.

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On the road

The handling good – but I feel it's not as much fun to drive as the VW Polo and although the steering is direct which is one better than the Polo, the Corsa still feels a little heavy for my liking. Saying that – grip levels are good and it has no problem dealing with our ever increasing poor road network of potholes and uneven surfaces.

Design & technology

The interior is fresh and all the buttons and dials are clear. The front seats have plenty of adjustment to them and feel well made, and very comfortable. Rear leg room is also good and the boot space is fantastic. I like the wide boot opening - this will help facilitate getting a large item inside the boot a doddle.

But, some of the plastics do look cheap – although in the end, this is a car that was designed to be cheap to own and cheap to run – it's still as good as what VW has come up with recently, so in my book, the Corsa stacks up really well.

Tony Yates has fond memories of earlier models of this new Vauxhall Corsa

Some of the standard equipment across the range is good – and the SRI version I had on test comes with; IntelliLink audio system, 7-inch colour touchscreen, AM/FM/DAB digital radio, Bluetooth® audio streaming, Bluetooth® mobile phone portal, Apple CarPlay™ / Android Auto™, USB audio, Air conditioning, Leather-covered steering wheel, Sports-style front seats, Rain-sensitive windscreen wipers, Automatic lighting control, Electrically adjustable / heated door mirrors, Front fog lights with chrome-effect surround, 16-inch black 4-twinspoke alloy wheels (3-door) and LED daytime running lights.

To sum up

As good as a Volkswagen Polo in the same like for like form – but it's a better pick when it comes to price, space and equipment. So, let's say no more. If I was you - I would go and check out the new Corsa – it's a great first-time car to buy.

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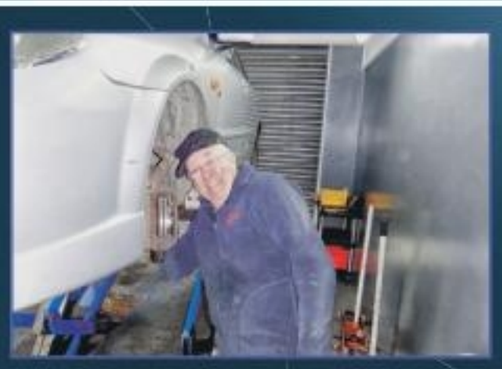

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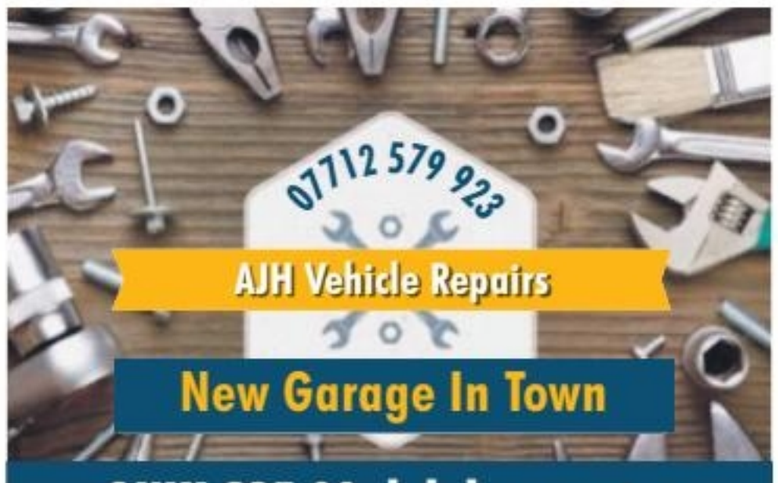

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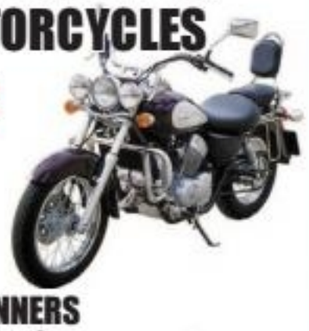

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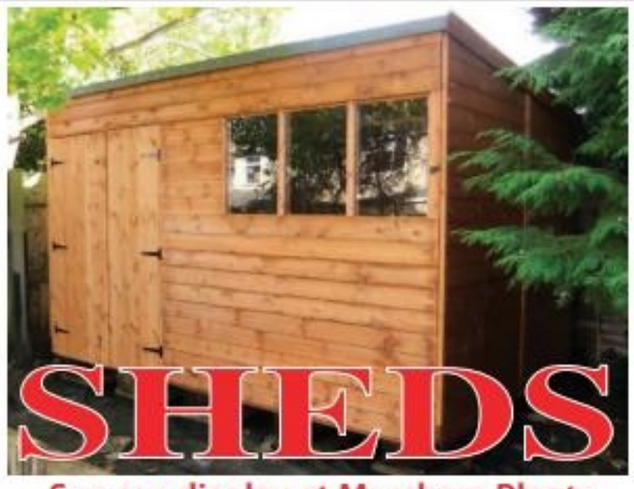

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Sport

By Adam Flinn

Joy for Jolyon – at last

F1 - Renault

JOLYON Palmer finally got some points on the board for Enstone-based Renault as he finished a career-best sixth in Sunday's Singapore Grand Prix.

The result came after it had been confirmed over the weekend Palmer would not be retained by Renault for 2018, with Toro Rosso driver Carlos Sainz joining the team on a one-year deal.

Palmer took advantage of the dramatic crash between Sebastian Vettel, Max Verstappen, Kimi Raikkonen and Fernando Alonso at the first corner to jump from 11th to sixth off the start.

He then ran in the points for the remainder of the race to bring his Renault home in sixth, and earn a valuable eight points for the team.

"I'm so happy, it's been a long time coming but everything fell into place," said Palmer.

"It was a tricky race with the drama at the start and the heavy rain but the circumstances put us in a good place to score some points.

"We had good strategy, good pitstops and the car was good in the wet conditions. The next race should be even better."

However, it was a disappointing end to the weekend for Palmer's team-mate Nico Hulkenberg, as he failed to finish after running as high as third in the early stages.

The German had been in fourth when his engine developed an oil leak, and he dropped to 10th when the team tried to make repairs during a long pitstop.

The problem proved too serious and he retired from the race 10 laps from the end.

The result means Hulkenberg has now taken the unwanted record of completing the most Formula One races (129) without a podium finish.

He said: "It was a very disappointing race, you put in a lot of hard work throughout the weekend and then these things happen.

"Unfortunately we had some technical issues with the engine and we had to retire the car."

Like Palmer, newly-confirmed Renault driver Sainz also enjoyed his best ever result in Formula One in Singapore after coming home fourth.

News of his signing for 2018 was announced on Friday, and he said: "To be a Formula One driver for a manufacturer team is an honour and I hope to reward Renault's faith in me with my very best performances on track.

"I am looking forward to working with everyone at Enstone and Viry (Renault's second base in France). This is the start of a very exciting new chapter in my career."

Jolyon Palmer finished a career-best sixth in Singapore
Picture: *Renault Sport Formula One Team*

Plato enjoys a point and a pint at home

Touring cars

Jason Plato made the most of his early finish in race three

JASON Plato may have enjoyed a pint but could only get a point for his efforts in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) at Silverstone on Sunday.

A solitary 15th-place finish in race two was all Oxford racer Plato could get out of the weekend, meaning he has dropped a position to 11th in the championship standings.

Race one didn't go well as Plato dropped back from his 11th-place starting position to finish outside the points in 23rd, although he did set the third-fastest lap.

He made progress in race two and battled through the pack from 23rd to 15th, and earned himself a point in the process.

But a sizeable crash early on in race three ended any hopes of adding to his total.

Plato tangled with Stephen Jelley's Ford, with title challenger Colin Turkington also getting caught up, and was eliminated.

However, Plato didn't seem too bothered as the TV cameras caught him with a beer in hand at the side of the track shortly after the collision.

Only one round of the season remains, with the season finale at Brands Hatch on October 1 where Plato's team-mate Ash Sutton will go head to head with Turkington for the BTCC crown.

Stroll races 10 places through the pack for points

F1 - Williams

AFTER a miserable qualifying session, Williams managed to salvage some points from the Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday as Lance Stroll finished eighth.

The two Williams found themselves on the penultimate row of the grid, and chose a split strategy of Stroll starting on the intermediate tyres and Felipe Massa the full wets for the start of the race.

The intermediates turned out to be the correct choice, and Stroll made up 10 places over the course of the race to earn the Grove-based team four points.

He said: "It was raining at the beginning so to capitalise on the start, overtake and really come through the field due to others making mistakes was fantastic in tricky conditions.

"After that we ran a steady race, and all-in-all a fantastic result and four points for the team."

Massa's race was hampered after opting for the full wets and despite being one of the first to make the jump onto slicks, finished just outside the points in 11th.

He said: "I started on the wrong tyres which was my decision, but I think in that moment you never know what is going to happen.

"It could have been worse, looking at where we started the race, so not bad for the team but a disaster for me."

Lance Stroll made the right call to start on the intermediate tyres
Picture: *Williams Martini Racing*

Two unexpected points make Singapore worthwhile

F1 - Haas

IN a race where they weren't expecting any points, Haas were happy enough to leave Singapore with two on Sunday.

Romain Grosjean finished ninth for the Banbury-based team, having been hovering around the fringes of the top-10 for the entirety of the race.

He began on the intermediate tyres, which proved to be the correct choice over the full wets and from there was able to push on into the points.

Team-mate Kevin Magnussen chose the full wets and was running behind Grosjean, before opting to be the first driver to switch onto the slicks.

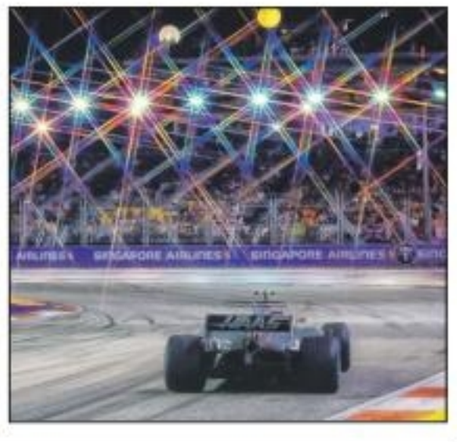
The move did get him in front of Grosjean but in the end he was forced to retire with an electrical problem.

Team principal Guenther Steiner said: "To go away with two points here, for sure we worked hard for it but we didn't expect it.

"All in all we got a bit of a good end to this, although on the other side we're now eighth in the championship and not seventh.

"Kevin would have brought his car home but he had an electronics issue so we'll investigate that and why we had to shut it down, while Romain did a good job and came home ninth."

■ The teams will head to Malaysia for the next race on October 1.



Kevin Magnussen races under the Singapore lights
Picture: *Haas F1*

Stars are in seventh heaven after dream start in new league

Ice hockey

OXFORD City Stars made a flying start to life in the National Ice Hockey League 2 (NIHL2) South with two big wins against Guildford Phoenix and Bristol Pitbulls over the weekend.

The Stars fired in seven goals in each game in their first competitive fixtures after a summer of upheaval, in which they dropped a division and head coach Simon Anderson left.

It took just over a minute for the Stars to grab their first goal on Saturday against Phoenix courtesy of Kamil Kinkor, before Joe Edwards doubled their lead moments later with his 100th career goal for Oxford.

Connor Redmond and Kinkor got the Stars up to 4-0 by the end of the second period, before three more came in the final 20 minutes to secure a convincing 7-1 win after Guildford scored a consolation effort late on.

On Sunday the Stars hosted the Pitbulls, and it was another goal-heavy affair as the match ended 7-2.

Two goals each from Edwards and Michael Whillock and scores from Kinkor and Darren Elliott gave the Stars a 6-0 lead at the end of the second period.

The Pitbulls managed to pull a couple back in the final period, while Alex Staples was able to get Stars seventh and complete the rout.

The Stars have just one game this weekend, away to Bracknell Hornets on Saturday.

Sport

Banbury put turbulent time aside to progress in FA Cup

By George Welch

Banbury United

BANBURY United made it to the third qualifying round of the FA Cup for the second consecutive season with a comfortable 2-0 home win against Thatcham Town.

Set piece goals from Luke Carnell and Darren Pond either side of half time did the damage for the Puritans, who will face another ninth tier side in the next round when they host County Durham side Shildon.

United boss Mike Ford praised Saturday's win as the best of the season so far and victory will help calm a turbulent couple of weeks that has included back-to-back home defeats and board room departures.

He said: "The game was the most difficult game of the season so this was a really good game to get back on track.

"Trying to get back to what we do – keep a clean sheet and win a game comfortably – that for me was our best result of the season by a mile.

Darren Pond leaves the defence and goalkeeper stranded for the second goal **Picture**: *sports shots.org.uk*

"You look at your dressing room and you know what you're going to get and we've seen character in the dressing room and in the team.

"It's been a difficult couple of weeks and I've been flat but we've got an outstanding opportunity to progress."

The Kingfishers held their own in a tight first half against Banbury, who play two levels higher in the league pyramid.

But the hosts still had the better chances and, after Tom Winters and Conor McDonagh went close, Carnell headed in a free kick just before half time.

United's passage to the next round was secured two minutes after the restart when Pond knocked home from a corner.

Thatcham had a couple of good spells in the game after going 2-0 down but Jack Harding in the Banbury goal didn't have to make any saves of note.

Banbury could have made the scoreline more emphatic in the final 15 minutes when Jefferson Louis skewed wide and wasted his chance to extend his eight game scoring streak.

United, who return to league action with a trip to Kings Langley on Saturday, will host Shildon of the Northern League Division One in the third qualifying round on September 30.

Zac bags a brace to help City through to next round

Oxford City

A Zac McEachran brace helped Oxford City back to winning ways as the Hoops progressed to the next qualifying round of the FA Cup with a 3-1 win at Whitehawk.

City endured a shaky start and found themselves 1-0 down midway through the first half when Enoch Andoh curled perfectly into the top corner from the edge of the box.

But Mark Jones' side were only behind for three minutes as Reece Fleet weaved around the edge of the box to fire a deflected shot over Simon Jorgensen and level the scores.

McEachran smashed his first of the afternoon into an empty net from a couple of yards out to ensure Oxford were ahead at the break.

Victory was all but sealed just four minutes into the second period when a Matt Paterson cut back found McEachran to place home for his second of the game.

Enjoying the winning feeling for the first time since mid August, boss Jones said: "We haven't won a game for a while so I'm pleased for the lads.

"There's been a bit of disappointment [recently] but we've kept going and that's three games unbeaten now and we're through to the next round of the FA Cup."

City will host Leiston, who play in the tier below, in the third qualifying round at Court Place Farm on September 30.

However, Kidlington failed to progress into the next round after losing 3-2 at Paulton Rovers.

The Greens threw away a glorious chance of extending their cup run after going 2-0 up and their hosts being reduced to 10 men all within 20 minutes.

Duran Martin and Darius Browne put Kiddy in a commanding position before Camden Harvey was sent off for the hosts.

But Kidlington capitulated in the second period and crashed out of the FA Cup after Paulton found the back of the net three times between the 48th and 65th minutes.

Zac McEachran makes a run **Picture**: *Michael Allen*

Five-star performance gives Wantage the win against local rivals

Hellenic

IT was a memorable afternoon for Wantage Town as they smashed five goals past local rivals Abingdon United without reply on Saturday.

The Alfredians dominated the match and move up to fourth in the Premier Division, while Abingdon slip to 10th.

Dan Gardner gave Wantage the lead on 29 minutes and Dan Comer doubled their advantage shortly afterwards for a 2-0 lead at half-time.

Jason Smith's sending off for Abingdon just past the hour mark opened the floodgates even more, with a Jack Dunmall brace and Steve Robertson goal in the final 30 minutes giving Wantage a well-deserved three points.

Wantage followed that up with a 3-2 win against Burnham in their Berkshire and Buckinghamshire Senior Cup tie on Tuesday night.

Elsewhere, Oxford City Nomads also enjoyed a big win in the league on Saturday as they thrashed Woodley United 4-0.

The Nomads had knocked Woodley out of the FA Vase the previous week, and continued where they left off with goals from Matt Brown, Will McEachran, Siyanda Gila and Daniel Collins.

All three Oxfordshire sides have home fixtures in the FA Vase on Saturday. Abingdon play Welwyn Garden City, Nomads host Baldock Town, and Wantage face Lydney Town.

Blues pay for letting half-time lead go begging

Rugby League

OXFORD RL let a half time lead slip as they ended the campaign with a disappointing 28-14 defeat at North Wales Crusaders.

The Blues made a positive start and tries from Matthew Davies and Jordan Gill, fresh from a four-try haul the previous week, gave the visitors a 10-6 advantage at the interval.

But the home side fought back with four tries after the break at the Queensway Stadium.

It all went wrong for Oxford in Wrexham at the start of the second period.

North Wales hooker James Dandy scored within three minutes of the restart before Dale Bloomfield stretched the lead on 50 minutes.

Dandy added his second try of the afternoon on 67 minutes when he exploited Oxford's numerical disadvantage as James Cryer was in the sin bin.

Cryer made amends with a try but Alex Davidson had the final word when he darted over the whitewash with a minute remaining.

Having finished in the bottom half of the regular Kingstone Press League 1 campaign, the Blues finished fifth in the Kingstone Press League 1 Shield.

Stuart Biscombe leads the charge for Oxford RL

Millers move into play-offs

Evo-Stik round up

NORTH Leigh have moved into the Evo-Stik Southern League Division One West play-off places after a 2-0 win against Slimbridge on Saturday.

Both goals came in the closing stages of the game, with George Seacole getting the first on 84 minutes after taking advantage of a defensive error.

Michael Hopkins converted a penalty in stoppage time to secure the three points.

The result lifted the Millers seven places to go fifth in the table on goal difference with 10 points.

Didcot Town are on the same number of points but two places below North Leigh following their 1-1 draw with Shortwood United.

It looked as though Adam Learoyd's goal just before the hour mark would be enough for Didcot, but Joe White grabbed an equaliser for Shortwood in the 89th minute.

They beat Holmer Green 4-1 in their Berkshire and Buckinghamshire Senior Cup first round tie on Tuesday.

But there was disappointment for Thame United in Division One East on Saturday as they were beaten 3-2 by Moneyfields.

Lynton Goss scored both of Thame's goals, but it means they now sit 18th in the table with six points.

This Saturday's games see Thame travel to Hanwell Town, North Leigh host Shortwood and Didcot visit Swindon Supermarine. Kidlington, who were in FA Cup action this weekend, return to the league away at Cinderford Town.

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Wantage Town 5-0 **Abingdon United**

'I've scored better', says goal of the month star van Kessel

By George Welch

SUPER sub Gino van Kessel said he was 'happy' to be awarded the League One goal of the month award – but insisted he's scored better.

The tricky Oxford United winger received 48 per cent of the public vote for his spectacular debut strike, netting just three minutes after coming off the bench against Portsmouth last month.

It was the dazzling speed of mind and foot that made the former Ajax apprentice's goal special.

He nipped outside one defender then inside another before sweeping home.

But the 24-year-old said the strike only makes his top-five.

He said: "I'm very happy to receive the award and I'm happy with all the fans that voted for me.

"It's probably not the best goal I've ever scored but the action before the goal was really nice and in the end it was a really easy finish.

"I have had some finishes that were a lot more difficult than this one – but I'm still happy with it and it's in the top five, for sure."

The Dutchman endeared himself to the U's faithful in the perfect fashion when he netted the all-important second goal in the 3-0 win over Portsmouth at the Kassam Stadium on August 12.

Lead SkyBet EFL goal of the month judge and Sky Sports pundit Don Goodman said: "What a debut goal this is, there couldn't possibly be a better way to endear yourself to a new set of supporters.

Gino van Kessel celebrates his stunning strike against Portsmouth last month
Picture: *Steve Daniels*

"The initial pass was behind van Kessel, but he persevered, and with two magnificent touches with the outside of the boot, he'd manipulated a shooting opportunity and applied the finish that his skill had deserved."

Van Kessel, who joined Pep Clotet's side on loan from Slavia Prague last month, beat off competition from Blackpool's Sean Longstaff and Scunthorpe United's Conor Townsend.

And van Kessel, who has scored two goals in seven appearances with only one start, said his game isn't all about goals.

He said: "It doesn't matter how many goals I score as long as I'm important for the team.

"As you saw against Bradford City, if I can pass it to give it to somebody else who has a much easier chance to score than I do I will always pass to them."

Fans warned after use of smoke bombs at matches

OXFORD United's chairman and supporter's trust have condemned the use of smoke bombs at United matches.

Darryl Eales and OxVox released a joint statement last week following unwanted incidents in games away at MK Dons and at home to Gillingham this month.

The statement reminded fans that penalties can be severe, including fines and even a points deduction for the club as well as potential prison sentences for guilty individuals.

Mr Eales said: "It's vitally important that fans understand the consequences of actions like this and the sanctions that can be imposed from the FA on the club.

"Equally, the discomfort suffered by fans in the North Stand against Gillingham was unacceptable and I've had a number of supporters complain to me about the effects they suffered from the smoke."

OxVox chairman Jeremy Faulkner echoed those comments.

He said: "It really is a situation that we (together) need to take out of match days.

"We've had numerous trust members contact us and tell us that they want these smoke bomb incidents to stop.

"We have a series of initiatives under way with the club that we hope will in time improve the atmosphere and enjoyment for all fans."

Youth boss Whing-ing his way to Harriers

JOINT youth team manager Andy Whing has joined Kidderminster Harriers, bringing to an end his six-year stint at Oxford United.

The former U's midfielder, who turned 33 this week, has joined the Vanarama National League North side as their Under-23 boss.

Whing spent four years in a United shirt, making more than 100 appearances in yellow, before injuries forced an early retirement in 2015.

He then took up his academy role alongside Leon Blackmore-Such, who will now take full reign of the youth side, later that year.

Whing, who knows Harriers boss John Eustace from their time at Coventry City together, said he has enjoyed a "fantastic" six and a half years at the club.

Andy Whing has left Oxford United after more than six years at the club

He added: "I want to thank the players, management and staff for the way they made me feel part of the club from the very first day.

"I have loved every minute and am sad to be leaving such a fantastic club, but I feel it is the right thing to do for my career right now.

"I know the chairman and manager at Kidderminster really well and it is a very exciting time to be joining them."

United chairman Darryl Eales paid tribute to the fans' favourite.

He said: "Andy is a fantastic guy to have around; very knowledgeable, very hard working and immensely likeable.

"It is sad to see him go but he feels it is the right move for him and we wish him the best of luck in his new role.

"He leaves the youth team in great shape and with a number of promising youngsters continuing the club's proud tradition of developing local young players."

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1	Shrewsbury Town	8	7	22
2	Wigan Athletic	8	12	19
3	Peterborough United	8	8	17
4	Bradford City	8	6	17
5	Blackpool	8	6	17
6	Scunthorpe United	8	6	15
7	Charlton Athletic	8	2	15
8	Fleetwood Town	7	1	13
9	Rotherham United	8	5	12
10	Oxford United	8	5	12
11	Blackburn Rovers	7	4	12
12	Portsmouth	8	1	11
13	MK Dons	8	-4	10
14	Walsall	8	-4	9
15	Bristol Rovers	8	-6	9
16	AFC Wimbledon	8	-3	8
17	Southend United	8	-6	7
18	Northampton Town	8	-6	7
19	Doncaster Rovers	8	-3	6
20	Gillingham	8	-5	6
21	Rochdale	8	-6	6
22	Bury	8	-6	5
23	Plymouth Argyle	8	-7	5
24	Oldham Athletic	8	-7	4

Pre-season work done, on to the league

OUFC Women

OXFORD United Women wrapped up their pre-season campaign with a credible 3-3 draw at home to Bristol City Women on Sunday.

The U's came from behind against their top-division opponents at Court Place Farm and thought they had snatched a late winner only to be pegged back.

Amy Goddard got Bristol off to a flyer with a goal in her first game for the club.

Emily Donavan levelled the scores on 18 minutes but the Yellows found themselves behind once again four minutes later when City scored from the spot.

And that's the way it stayed until an intense final 10 minutes saw the ball in the back of the net three times.

Sophie Baker slotted past the Bristol keeper to level the scores again for Oxford on 81 minutes before Hannah Short thought she'd won it for the U's with a goal in the final three minutes.

However, they say teams are at their most vulnerable when they've just scored and the Robins snatched an equaliser just a minute later.

Oxford kick off their WSL2 campaign with a trip to Sheffield Ladies on Sunday.

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Blackpool blues for U's

By **George Welch**

Blackpool 3

Kyle Vassell 6 & 90+4, Callum Cooke 15

Oxford United 1

James Henry 90

Attendance: 5,274 (1,632 away)

PEP Clotet has apologised to the hordes of Oxford United fans who made the long trip to Blackpool on Saturday to witness his side's worst performance of the season and a 3-1 loss.

Former United striker Kyle Vassell and Callum Cooke struck early on for the hosts in a dominant first half display.

James Henry scored his first goal in a U's shirt late on but Vassell thumped home an injury time free kick for his side's third of the afternoon.

The early goals soured the 400-mile round trip for the 1,600 travelling United fans in the first meeting between the two teams since 2000.

U's boss Clotet, who took his troops to an army barracks for a training camp this week, admitted afterwards that he felt he and his team had let the Oxford fans down.

He said: "The fans completely outsung the Blackpool fans. We are really sad about it [the result] because they made a long trip and it should be a fantastic weekend.

"It looks like we kind of ruined it for them and I'm sorry for that – but the fans were outstanding until the end."

The Spaniard responded to the early knockbacks by substituting striker Wes Thomas just after the half hour and changed systems to a three-man defence.

United improved after the break but, by that point, Blackpool were out of sight, even though the result still flattered Gary Bowyer's outfit, who have emerged as one of the early season League One high-flyers.

Jack Payne is held back on his run to goal in a move which summed up United's afternoon. Pictures: *Steve Daniels*

In his post-match assessment, Clotet said: "The game went away in the first half. It was tough for us to get back into the game from 2-0 down and we struggled to find our flow and our tempo our play has had in previous games.

"We tried to find more space for our midfielders to build more attacks but, although we got into the game a little bit, it wasn't enough."

However, Clotet, who hasn't got carried away with impressive performances and results so far this season, wasn't too critical of his players in defeat.

He said: "This group of players have a lot of [good] football in them. They were sad obviously because of the result but they feel a lot for the club and they want to make it better.

"Unfortunately it didn't go our way but we take the lessons from this and move on."

Oxford, who have slipped to 10th, host 14th placed Walsall on Saturday.

No first goal joy for Henry after defeat

JAMES Henry admitted his first Oxford United goal meant 'absolutely nothing' after netting his side's only goal in a disappointing 3-1 defeat at Blackpool on Saturday.

The winger tapped home a rebound in the final stages to give his side hope before the Tangerines scored again in the 94th minute.

Getting off the mark for your new club is normally a big deal – but not this time for the former Wolves and Millwall man.

Henry, who switched from left midfield to a right wing back role midway through the first half, said: "It's nice to get a goal but ultimately it means absolutely nothing.

"We've worked hard all week and put in a good performance against Bradford but the first half display, from a team perspective, just wasn't good enough.

"We had a reaction in the second half but it's too late when you're 2-0 down, especially when you're away from home so it's disappointing."

Centre back Mike Williamson bemoaned United's naïve approach but stressed that the squad would learn from the match.

The experienced defender said: "Blackpool are a very good team – very well drilled – we were naïve at times and we paid the price by conceding a goal early on.

"It's a tough place to play. We're going to take a lot away from this.

"It's very frustrating but we've learnt a lot of lessons and hopefully that's a positive.

"We've got good spirit and character that's going to stand us in good stead."

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